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HAICHING PIRACY EPIC: FULL STORY.

THE BRIDGE CITADEL

WOUNDED CHIEF MATE'S TALE OF HORROR.

THE PASSENGERS PANIC-STRICKEN WHILE BATTLE RAGED.

MR. WOODWARD'S DEATH

The attempted piracy of the Douglas s.s. Haiching, brilliantly repulsed by the supremely heroic efforts of her officers, but unfortunately attended by terrible loss of life and a devastating blaze which swept through the forepart of the vessel and all but robbed her gallant officers of the fruits of their victory, represents one of the most sensational episodes in the annals of China Coast Shipping.

The full story is unfolded to-day in the course of a series of interviews with the Haiching's gallant defenders, and three American lady passengers, who had a terrifying ordeal. It reveals that not one tragedy but several separate and distinct tragedies occurred in different parts of the ill-fated vessel while the battle was raging, and afterwards, when the outbreak of fire caused a terrible panic among the three hundred or so deck passengers.

The pirates launched three attacks in their furious attempts to conquer the bridge citadel, but as far as can be ascertained, only one of their number managed to reach the bridge.

The during gangster shot down Mr. K. A. Woodward, the Third Officer, in cold blood. He was rushing down the companion way when he met Mr. R. Perry, the Chief Officer, about to run up. A moment of tension, and they fired simultaneously. Mr. Perry was wounded in the body; the pirate dropped dead at his feet with a bullet through the head.

The officers were thus able to concentrate on the bridge, and from this point of vantage they poured a hail of bullets into their attackers. All assaults were repulsed with loss. It is believed that at least eight pirates were killed outright, and that seven others were seriously wounded.

Directly they realised the futility of their attempts to take the bridge by storm, the pirate gang, which originally numbered about thirty, set fire to the bridge from the cabins below, first swelling the region with kerosene.

A terrific blaze was soon set up and the horrors of the night battle were intensified by the uproar among the deck-passengers. Nothing could keep them in control and it is probable that some of those wounded were hit by running into the cross-fire in their panic.

The blaze got such a hold that the skipper, Captain O. H. Farrar, ordered the officers in the forepart of the vessel, where the conflagration was out of control, to abandon ship, while he stayed on board and covered their retreat. Soon afterwards, the destroyers brought by the frantic, wireless signals from the Haiching brought the long-looked-for succour.

HOW MR. PERRY WAS WOUNDED.

Among the principal figures in this drama of the China Coast, precedence must be given to Mr. R. Perry, the Chief Officer of the Haiching, by virtue of the heroic way with which he withstood a situation fraught with such imminent danger, and the cool courage which carried him through the crisis, even after he had been wounded in the side by pirate.

Mr. Perry met this man coming down the port ladder leading to the bridge and the draw of weapons on both sides was simultaneous, with the result that, while Mr. Perry was only wounded, his adversary was shot dead and fell at his feet.

Unassuming Hero.

A Telegraph representative found Mr. Perry a very pleasant-spoken and unassuming hero when he was interviewed this morning at the Government Civil Hospital, where he is recuperating from his injury. The story which he had to tell of the epic event in which he undoubtedly played a very gallant part is as astonishing as it is gripping.

"I was awakened," he said, "at 1.30 a.m. by the blowing of the whistle and the sound of revolver shots outside my cabin, which was on the port side on the main deck below the bridge.

"I lost no time in getting out of bed and looked through the door to see what the trouble was all about. I then saw a band of ruffians, one of whom was brandishing a revolver in the air.

"I knew definitely then that it was a piracy, so I switched my lights off, so as not to attract at

CAPTAIN FARRAR'S STORY.

FIERCE FIRING FOR HALF AN HOUR.

BOATS LOWERED WHEN FIRE WAS AT HEIGHT.

PRAISE FOR THE NAVY.

A tall, dark young man, Captain O. H. Farrar, commander of the ill-fated Haiching, told his story in the quiet of the Hongkong Hotel lounge this morning. Immediately he entered, he was approached by several people who congratulated him warmly on his escape from the pirates.

Captain Farrar said he was roused by shots and immediately made for the bridge, where he found the second officer and two guards. The pirates were just below the bridge, and it was from this vantage point that one shot Mr. Perry. Mr. Woodward was shot as he ran towards the bridge from his cabin, presenting an easy mark in his white pyjamas.

When the officers and the engineer, Mr. Duxon, had all reached the safety of the bridge a strong fire was kept up between them and their attackers.

Three rushes were repulsed in half an hour, after which there was a lull, and the pirates fired the bridge superstructure. It was not long before the woodwork was blazing fiercely, and it became necessary for the officers to retreat to the end of the boat deck, taking with them Mr. Woodward, who had collapsed from his wound.

Sharp Skirmish.

Reaching this point of vantage, the officers found three pirates on the starboard side of the ship and a sharp skirmish occurred, during the course of which one of the pirates was hit and fell overboard. The fight then resolved itself into short, sharp bursts of sniping on both sides. Some of the crew, under the ship's boatswain, managed to reach the bridge deck and the commander then decided to lower the boats at his disposal and allow as many as possible to escape from the blazing ship.

Two small and two large lifeboats were available on the bridge deck. Meantime, another pirate was seen by the officers and instantly shot before he could open fire.

The boatswain then drew his officers' attention to a number of pirates who were attempting to lower one of the aft lifeboats and a fusillade of shots was poured into this group, several of whom fell. The others took cover and returned the fire of the Europeans, the fight lasting for about half an hour.

Boats Lowered.

Captain Farrar had throughout the battle been concerned for the safety of the passengers. He fired several times to draw their attention to him in order that he could open the grilles and let them on to the boat deck.

Finally, when the firing had ceased, and the flames grew greater, Captain Farrar sent some boats away, but himself remained on the ship. Later, the wireless operator returned on board and another message was sent for assistance.

A strange incident occurred shortly after 8.30 a.m., when the Haiching was a blazing mass amidships, and presented a spectacle that could not possibly have passed unnoticed in a wide radius.

This was the passing of a big ship only three or four miles away, and which failed to go to the stricken ship's assistance.

Praise For Navy.

Nothing very much could be done to stem the flames until H.M.S. Sterling was sighted and a boarding party came across to the Haiching.

Captain Farrar spoke very highly of the courtesy and assistance of the naval authorities, without which it would have been impossible to save the Haiching. Immediately on the destroyer's arrival the naval men got to work and in

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DEATH-ROLL BELIEVED CONSIDERABLE.

Total Casualties May Be Nearly Eighty.

LIFEBOAT MYSTERY.

The most shocking feature of the Haiching outrage is the large loss of life which occurred from one cause or another.

The death-roll cannot be stated with the slightest pretension to accuracy at present.

It is variously estimated to be between twelve and fifty.

The number of Chinese wounded is officially placed at thirty, and some of them are in a critical condition. All in hospital in Hongkong, they are composed of passengers, members of the crew, and alleged pirates.

The death-roll arises from the lack of precise information regarding the overturning of boat. The boat was crowded and many must have been drowned. It is stated that twelve people died of bullet wounds.

Mr. K. A. Woodward was shot dead on the bridge.

An Indian guard, Khali Singh, was shot dead in his sleep.

Mr. R. Perry, the Chief Officer, was wounded.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S GRAPHIC STORY.

THREE DISTINCT RUSHES BY PIRATES.

DESPERATE BATTLE.

Another graphic account of what took place aboard the Haiching was given by Mr. F. C. Duxon, Chief Engineer, in an interview with the Telegraph this morning.

Mr. Duxon came off watch at midnight at the same time as the late Mr. Woodward left the navigating bridge. Mr. Duxon retired to his cabin, washed, and sat reading until about 1 a.m. He then turned out the lights and got into his bunk.

He was awakened by two shots, one of which he believes was fired by a pirate who shot Mr. Woodward and the other by Chief Officer Perry who shot down the murderer.

Immediately after, a blast from the whistle of Mr. Johnstone, the second officer, who was on watch, told him that pirates were aboard. He grabbed an automatic pistol and made his way up on deck.

Guard's Heroic Flight.

At the grill, on the bridge-deck, he found an Indian guard firing furiously and being answered by volleys of shots from the pirates below. At risk of his life Mr. Duxon reached the bridge with bullets flying about him.

Here, he found Captain Farrar, Second Officer Johnston, and Chief Officer Perry engaging the attackers. Close by lay Mr. Woodward, dying.

As soon as possible, the officer was carried to the chartroom. Three distinct rushes by strong forces of armed pirates were repulsed by the desperate ship's officers.

Fired at Everything.

"We fired at every figure at every movement in the shadows," said Mr. Duxon.

"We knew it had to be either them or us and we did not spare ammunition. I know that at least three were shot down at the top of the bridge companion and I am pretty sure the volleys which we poured into them accounted for more."

"The battle," he continued, "lasted for possibly three quarters of an hour and it seemed like a year. Then the pirates soaked the ship with kerosene and set fire to the bridge."

"The fire spread rapidly and we were forced from our refuge. We took poor Woodward with us as we left the bridge and made for the

SCENES OF UTTER DESTRUCTION.

THE HAICHING AFTER THE BLAZE.

SUPERSTRUCTURE A MASS OF TANGLED IRON.

GRUESOME AFFAIR.

The sun was setting as the ill-fated Haiching wended its way slowly under her own steam into the harbour yesterday evening, and with her bridge and superstructure almost totally destroyed, her funnel, masts and yards blackened and charred by the fierceness of the fire and her aft and middle decks sprayed with water and blood, the vessel presented an awful picture of destruction.

A Telegraph representative, who journeyed out to the ship, was, in common with other reporters, refused admission to the boat, but he contrived to get as near to the wreckage as possible to try and obtain some idea of the extent and nature of the damage.

In the gathering gloom, however, it was rather difficult to see anything really distinctly, as all the lights in the fore of the boat had been doused.

Bridge Destroyed.

Amidships were strewn portions of the cargo, which had been salvaged from the fire, and water was running out from everywhere. So far as could be seen the bridge was absolutely non-existent, whilst in one corner of the deck could be seen the protruding feet of a person who was apparently a victim of the outrage.

A red blanket covered the inanimate form, which made a very gruesome spectacle.

The aft of the boat appeared to have completely escaped damage, this no doubt being entirely due to the magnificent work of the crew and the destroyers in combating the flames.

Bridge Intact.

The saloon, and, in fact, the whole of the aft of the Haiching, remained unaffected by the blaze, and it appeared from a cursory glance that it suffered no damage from the hose pipes.

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ADMIRAL GOES ABOARD.

Accompanied by H.E. The G.O.C.

During this morning a visit was paid to the Haiching by Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Walstall, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, and Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., General Officer Commanding British troops in South China, together with their respective Flag Officer and A.D.C.

After chatting with the officers who were on board, in the course of which they were complimented on the gallant resistance they put up, the visitors were shown round the vessel.

TERRIFYING ORDEAL

THREE AMERICAN LADY PASSENGERS.

WONDERFUL FORTITUDE OF OLD LADY OF 70 YEARS.

SHOCKING SPECTACLES.

The experiences of three American lady passengers who were on board were graphically related to a Hongkong Telegraph representative this morning by Miss Louise Campbell, who, together with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, and sister, Miss Dorothy Campbell, faced extremely grave danger with remarkable fortitude and, whenever possible, attended to the wounded and injured.

Mrs. Campbell is 70 years of age and is connected with the American Baptist Missionary School at Kaying, near Swatow. Miss Louise Campbell is in charge of the girls' section of the school while Miss Dorothy Campbell is Superintendent of Nurses at the Martha Thresher Memorial Hospital, Swatow.

Miss Louise Campbell, who seemed in no way disturbed by the terrifying experience she had undergone, explained that they boarded the ill-fated Haiching at Swatow for the purpose of escorting Miss Dorothy to Hongkong on her way back to the United States for home leave. She went on to say that when the vessel left Swatow there was a large number of Chinese deck passengers on board but the only other European was Mr. Craddock, of the Swatow Customs, who was travelling to Hongkong for the purpose of buying Christmas presents. There were also a number of Chinese cabin passengers.

All Asleep.

After pointing out that her mother, her sister and herself occupied one ladies' cabin in the after part of the ship, connected with the saloon by an alleyway, she went on to say that at the time of the outbreak of the piracy they were all asleep in their cabin. They were awakened by revolver shots at about one o'clock in the morning and immediately realised that the boat was being pirated. They at once rose and dressed, after which they proceeded to hide their valuables in various places in anticipation of a visit from pirates, which fortunately did not materialise. Miss Louise herself stood with a bundle of cheques in her hands and was ready to rip them to pieces in the event of pirates entering the cabin.

Lights Go Out.

"The lights went out," continued Miss Louise, "but fortunately we had a flashlight. We stayed in our cabin for about an hour and a half during which time there was a terrible commotion outside and continuous shooting. At about half past one many Chinese rushed aft, taking wounded and injured with them. At about half past two, we realised that something new had happened and for the first time we looked out. We saw the ship was on fire and that attempts to lower the lifeboats were being made. We went back and recovered our valuables and other articles in the cabin in order to take them with us into a lifeboat. We also took the blankets from our berths and wrapped them round us."

Continuing, Miss Louise explained that when they got out of their cabin they met Mr. Craddock who insisted that they put on lifebelts. He was most helpful and kind.

When they neared the lifeboats, however, they saw that they were literally packed with Chinese. Instead of attempting to get away in a boat, therefore, they decided to wait on the ship until the fire, which was raging furiously, reached them and to then jump into the sea.

Destroyer Arrives.

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DISMISSAL OF AN ENGINEER.

CAPTAIN SUMMONED FOR NOT NOTIFYING.

COMPLICATED CASE.

That he dismissed the second engineer and engaged another man without notifying the Harbour Master, were the allegations made by Mr. G. W. Coyah, the Deputy Shipping Master, against Captain Charles Alexander, of the s.s. Yat Shing, formerly of the Kwaihsang, at the Marine Court on Saturday, when the case was made especially interesting by reason of the fact that it was the first of its kind for thirty years.

After the prosecutor had been subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. E. Davidson, the Marine magistrate (Commander G. F. Hole, R.N.) adjourned the proceedings, as the case, he said, was complicated, and he wished to obtain the advice of the Crown legal officer.

The charges preferred against Capt. Alexander were as follows:

(1) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwaihsang did wilfully and wrongfully leave behind in the Colony Harold Vittol King, a seaman belonging to the s.s. Kwaihsang, before the completion of the voyage for which the last-mentioned seaman was engaged in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(2) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwaihsang did unlawfully discharge a seaman, Harold Vittol King, without the sanction of the Harbour Master and, without due provision made for his subsistence "and maintenance in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(3) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwaihsang did unlawfully discharge a seaman, Harold Vittol King, elsewhere than at the Mercantile Marine Office without the sanction of the Harbour Master, in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 8 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(4) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwaihsang did without the sanction of the Harbour Master unlawfully discharge a seaman, Harold Dunn, a seaman, to do duty on board the s.s. Kwaihsang elsewhere than at the Mercantile Marine Office, in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. E. Davidson, pleaded not guilty to each one.

The Log Book Entry.

Mr. Coyah said that Harold Vittol King was signed on the Vittol King was signed on the s.s. Kwaihsang as second engineer on March 28, 1929. The articles were signed on board the ship in Hongkong Harbour. The articles expired on September 9th, 1929, but on July 24th Capt. Charles Alexander dismissed King.

The Magistrate.—How do you know that? Can you swear that certain things happened?

Mr. Coyah.—I was not there, and I cannot swear to it.

The Magistrate.—Then you can only swear to what is in the Log Book.

Mr. Coyah.—There is an official entry in the Log Book, which I now produce, to the effect that "Harold V. King, when spoken to by the Chief Engineer, appeared to be under the influence of liquor. When asked about it, he admitted that it was true." At 11.10 a.m. the same day, defendant dismissed King for

insobriety. That was on July 24th.

No communication was made to the Shipping Office. There was an entry in his articles to show that he was dismissed, but it was only made by the Master, who stated that the cause of the discharge was insobriety. The articles were not signed by any official.

The ship sailed from Hongkong at 1.34 a.m. on July 24th, and King was left behind.

The Magistrate.—Can you prove he was left behind?—I have seen the man myself.

According to the official Log Book, Albert Dunn was signed on by the defendant in the Hongkong Harbour as second engineer. The signing took place at 3.24 p.m. on July 24th, and the ship left Hongkong at 4.30 p.m. the same day. It only contained the Master's signature and there was no official counter-signature on the Log Book.

Subsequently witness said that the articles were countersigned by a Consul at Shanghai when the matter was reported on arrival there. No report, however, was received by the Merchant Shipping Office in Hongkong.

Discharged For Insobriety.

Mr. E. Davidson.—I think you say this man King signed the articles which were also signed by the Master and Second Engineer?

Mr. Coyah.—Are you referring to the Articles or the Log Book? The articles were not countersigned. They were signed by the Master alone.

And the Articles state that the man was discharged for insobriety?—That is put down in the articles by the Master.

Is there an entry in the articles stating that the cause of discharge was insobriety?—Yes, insobriety.

These are signed by the man himself?—Yes.

In a case like this, where a man is discharged for insobriety, would the articles have been signed by the Shipping Office if they had been taken to the Harbour Office?—They would not have been signed by the Merchant Shipping Office, because the Marine Court is the only court which can discharge an officer whilst the articles are still in continuance.

Mr. Davidson.—Well, I won't quarrel with you about that.

You say that the Shipping Office was not open between 1 and 2 p.m., but would have been, if so required. How much notice would be required?—Half an hour.

I think you know the facts of the case. You know the Captain's story?—Oh, yes.

King was dismissed by the Captain on the instructions of the owners of the ship for being drunk on board ship in July. Is this not so?—I can't admit that the owners gave instructions for the dismissal.

Do you know what time the ship was due to sail?—I have no idea.

The man was discharged at 11.10 a.m. and the ship was due to sail at noon. I put it to you that it was not practicable for the Master to come on shore to sign him off?—My answer is that it was most practicable.

"A Pettifogging Case."

What became of the articles after you had received them?—I stamped them immediately I received them and then filed them for six months.

Why were proceedings not taken out against the defendant then?—It was not necessary to take proceedings at that time.

You think it better to wait six months?—We do not take proceedings until the discharged man is destitute.

Do you think it is reasonable to keep the court waiting six months before you pester them with a pettifogging case like this?—I don't take action until someone in authority makes a complaint.

Who made the complaint in this case?—The police.

And your idea is that by prosecuting Capt. Alexander you will put the matter right somehow?—I put it to you that you prosecuted Capt. Alexander in the hope that you could get subsistence for the man.

Mr. Davidson mentioned that correspondence had passed between the Harbour Department and the owners of the Kwaihsang, and Mr. Coyah said that was in order that the man might be repatriated without any trouble.

Mr. Davidson.—And I suppose if the owners had paid up, these proceedings would have been withdrawn?—I can't give you an answer to that.

You talk about repatriation. Do you know how long the man King was in Hongkong?—Approximately 4 years and 8 months.

Mr. Davidson.—This man came out on one of the Indo-China ships in 1925, and he has been sailing out of Hongkong ever since. This is his return port, and yet the Harbour Department asks for subsistence.

Feeling of Uncertainty.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of the Indo-China Navigation Company, who was present, said he would like to speak on behalf of the shipping community.

Mr. Davidson.—What has that to do with it?—Quite a lot. If the articles had expired we could have taken no action.

"A Serious Fault."

You will agree that Capt. Alexander's fault is a technical one?—It is a very serious one, and the first of its kind the Harbour Office have had for thirty years.

Mr. Coyah.—Are you referring to the Articles or the Log Book? The articles were not countersigned.

And the Articles state that the man was discharged for insobriety?—That is put down in the articles by the Master.

Mr. Davidson.—You charge Capt. Alexander because you say you consider the case is a grave one. And that was the reason, I suppose, why you waited five months before taking proceedings—just to wait for King to become chargeable to the Colony and when the Follies would want money to send him home? I put it to you that your conduct is exceedingly improper?

Mr. Coyah.—It is not improper. I did not know King until he came to me and said he was destitute.

The Magistrate.—When you had the articles did you read them?—Yes.

Did you note the entry at the time?—No. They were signed by a Consul and I never interfere with that.

The Magistrate.—But you told me just now that that had nothing to do with it. Either it is something to do with it or it is not. Time does not alter those kind of things. You passed it and condoned it.

Mr. Coyah explained that in regard to the charge of taking on a new man, the articles were signed at sea. Later, when the vessel called at Shanghai, the endorsement was put to the articles by the Consul there. It was his practice never to interfere.

The Magistrate.—But you have the case receive full consideration.

The Magistrate agreed to adjourn the proceedings until December 30th at 10 a.m.

Mr. Davidson put two more questions to Mr. Coyah. He asked:—You have seen the man King?—Yes.

Has he ever denied being intoxicated?—No, never.

You have no reason to suppose that his dismissal was not justified?—No, not at all.

MARINES IN ACTION IN HAITI.

INFILTRATE CASUALTIES ON RIOTERS.

Serious developments occurred in Haiti over the week-end, the city of Auxcaye being invaded by natives armed with clubs and stones. The United States marines fired, killing five and wounding twenty. Additional marines are being sent and a cruiser with troops on board is standing by. The developments are detailed in the following cables.

Washington, Dec. 7.

Five hundred Marines are sailing from Norfolk, Virginia, today, presumably on their way to Haiti. It is believed that President Hoover has explained their departure in a special message to Congress, but the contents of this statement have been withheld.

The Marines are taking with them one million rounds of ammunition.—Reuter's American Service.

Marines Kill Natives.

Port au Prince, Dec. 7.

Fifteen hundred Haiti natives, armed with clubs and stones, invaded the city of Auxcaye to-day. The United States Marines fired, killing five people and wounding twenty others.—Reuter.

Commission to Inquire.

Washington, Dec. 8.

It is now revealed that in his special message to Congress, Mr. Hoover asks for the immediate creation of a Commission to inquire into the relations of Haiti and the United States.

It is also announced that the Government has ordered an additional five hundred Marines to Haiti in case of emergency.—Reuter's American Service.

Planes Despatched.

Washington, Dec. 8.

The light cruiser Galveston, with three hundred troops on board, is proceeding to Jacmel, opposite Port au Prince. All American women and children are leaving Auxcaye.—Reuter's American Service.

Planes Despatched.

Washington, Dec. 8.

The Navy Department has despatched two amphibian planes from Quantico to Port au Prince.—Reuter's American Service.

London, Dec. 8.

The Thank-offering fund for the recovery of the King is now closed, the final grand total being £689,597.—British Wireless.



A photo of the bridal party of the wedding in Plainville, Conn., recently, of Miss Florence Trumbull and John Coolidge—governor's daughter and former President's son. The smiling bride and groom are pictured in the center as they posed immediately after the simple church ceremony. Their prominence eclipsed, for a day, by the union of two of their children, former President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge were shown at the left and Gov. and Mrs. John Trumbull of Connecticut at the right.



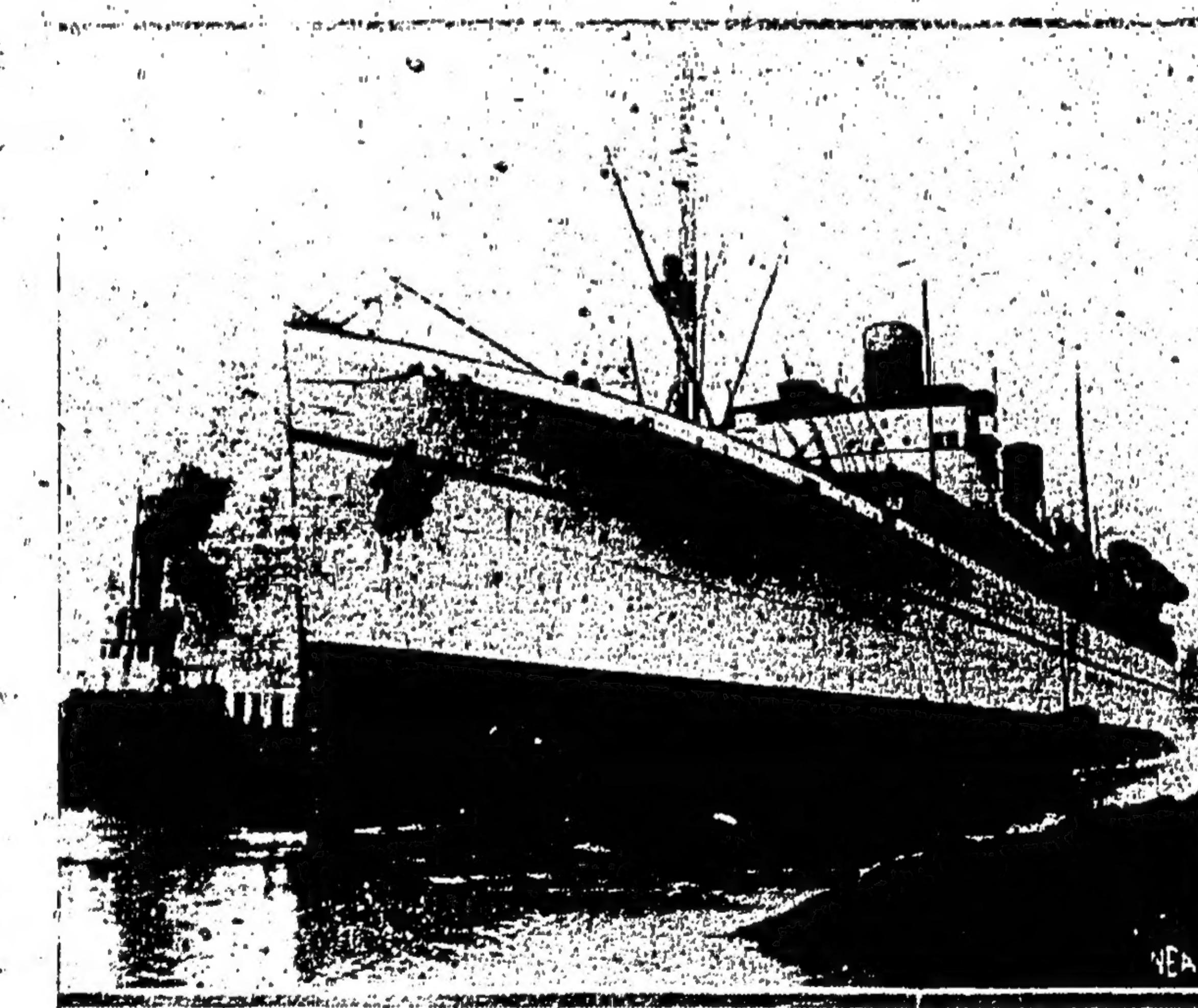
A graphic picture of a gas well fire near Oklahoma City.



John Coolidge and Florence Trumbull after the simple ceremony which united them at Plainville, Conn. The bride was radiant in an ivory satin wedding gown; the groom dignified in formal attire.



Photo taken at a recent celebration in Nanking when British ex-Service Men were hosts to the Commanders and Officers of the British warships in port, H.M.S. Bridgewater, Mantis and Crichton, at a dinner given at the Yangtze Hotel.



Empress of Canada is shown above making her way into dock after going on the rocks at Mollwaine point, when entering Victoria harbour during a dense fog. This graphic illustration clearly shows the bows of the vessel barely 50 feet off shore.



A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Chaplin and Mrs. T. B. Thompson in Route Say Zong, Shanghai, recently, when Miss Gladys E. Gue, of Everett, Washington, became the wife of Lieutenant John J. Whifong, of the U.S.S. Barker.



Ten times a bridesmaid and finally a bride, all in one day—here you catch a fleeting glimpse of Miss Elizabeth Nancy, society debutante, at her wedding in Berke. The bridegroom, W. M. Mount, son of Sir William and Lady Mount, is pictured coming in second best in the race from the altar.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eleventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 21st day of December, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1929, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 12th December, 1929, until Saturday, 21st December, 1929, both days inclusive.

With reference to the Notice dated 7th November, 1929, of the Resolution of the Directors to offer to Shareholders Additional Shares in the proportion of one new share for every four existing shares. Shareholders are reminded that such additional shares will be offered only in respect of the existing shares of which they are the actual registered holders at the date of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting, i.e., 21st December, 1929. Due notice will be sent to each Shareholder of the number of additional shares to which he will be entitled.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 6th December, 1929.

Mr. F. W. Johnson, at present serving with the 1st Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, has been ordered to join the 2nd Battalion of that Regiment, when it arrives in India from Hongkong.

Lieut. W. G. Mattingley, of the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, has been noted for employment with the Territorial Association at Home.

The references made on Saturday to the appointment as Junior District Officer and Magistrate at Weihaiwei was intended to apply to Major J. M. Colchester-Wemyss, O.B.E., 2/Royal Scots, and not to Major and Lt. Col. H. C. B. Wemyss, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Corps of Signals.

Football Fixtures.

To-day, 20th (H) Bty., R.A. v. Sookunpoo. 20th (H) Bty., R.A. v. R.E. and R. Signals.

Chatham Road, "D" Coy., S.L.I. v. R.A.S.C. and R.A.P.C.

To-morrow, Sookunpoo, R.A.O.C. v. "C" Coy., S.L.I.

Chatham Road, H.Q. Wing, S.L.I. v. 31st (H) Bty., R.A.

Thursday, Sookunpoo, R.A.M.C. v. R.A.O.C. Chatham Road, "D" Coy., S.L.I. v. 20th (H) Bty., R.A.

Friday, Sookunpoo, H.Q. Wing, K.O.S.B. v. R.A.O.C. "C" Coy., S.L.I. v. "A" Coy., S.L.I.

Band Concert.

A Band Concert is to be given to-night by the Band of the 1st Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry, in the front courtyard of Wellington Barracks, where the public will also be welcome. The programme will consist mostly of popular numbers, with selections from musical comedies. Should the concert prove popular, it is hoped to make it a regular feature. The services of the Band are kindly given by Lieut. Colonel G. H. Little, D.S.O., Commanding, and the Officers of the Battalion.

The students and staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College and Fairlawn School wish to thank the following firms for very generous gifts to the Site of Work held on behalf of the Ministering Children's League, and other charities: Sun Company, French Store, Pathé Farm, Ltd., Sincere Company, Fook Wang & Co., John Hutchinson & Co., Nestle's Milk Co., Mr. Li, Hol Tang, M.Y. San Co., Lincoln & Co., The Pharmacy.

The Undersigned, former chief engineer of the Flat Garage, wishes to announce that he has opened a garage known as LANCIA GARAGE and will undertake any kind of repairs and storage. All repairs will be done under his personal supervision.

Mr. Perry expressed himself in the most grateful terms for the kind treatment he received at the hands of the officers and crew. Of Lt. Cmdr. Sims, who commands the Stirling, Mr. Perry said he was unremittingly in his attention, making frequent visits to where Mr. Perry and the other officers of the Hatching were accommodated, and en-

THE BRIDGE CITADEL.

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strong citadel by the closed grilles) Mr. Perry spoke of the pirates as being divided into two parties—the one operating in the two alleys running under the bridge and the other mixing up with the steerage passengers and firing from the after part of the vessel.

The former gang had a very restricted area to move in, and made repeated attempts to break out from the alleys with a view to carrying the attack up the ladders. It then became a matter of importance that they should be kept cooped where they were, so to achieve this purpose, the defenders on the bridge aimed to hit every pirate as soon as he appeared in the openings of the alleys. Two or three pirates were killed or wounded in this way, Mr. Perry stated.

The present piracy is the first since September 21st last, when the Dell Maru fell into the hands of the Blas Bay gang. Prior to that, there had been no pirates in the region for almost a whole year.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT. — Police Officer Shot in Ankle.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Superintendent of Police, was accidentally shot in the ankle last night whilst he was on duty aboard H.M.S. Sirdar in connexion with the piracy.

From what can be gathered, a sailor was handling a revolver when it accidentally discharged, the bullet lodging in Mr. Perdue's foot.

Later, Mr. Perdue was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he is said to be making good progress.

THE PIRATED VESSEL. — Details of Ship and Her Officials.

The J.S. Hatching, owned by the Douglas Steamship Co., is a steamer of 2,080 tons and together with the s.s. Haining and the s.s. Halyang maintains a regular service between Hongkong and Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. The steamer was built in 1893 by D. J. Dunlop and Co. of Glasgow. She is 280.9 feet long, 38.2 feet broad and 16.0 feet deep. Her port of registry is Hongkong. The ship's officers were:

Captain Mr. O. H. Farrar. Chief Officer Mr. R. Perry. Second Offr. . . . Mr. A. J. Johnston. Third Offr. . . . Mr. K. A. Woodward. Chief Engr. . . . Mr. F. C. Duxon. Second Engr. . . . Mr. E. Kewell. Third Engr. . . . Mr. A. de Mello. Wireless Oper. Mr. Chung Yan-tak.

quiring how they were getting on and what they needed.

Borrowed Clothes.

Mr. Perry lost all his personal effects—his room had been almost entirely obliterated by the fire and he was clad only in his pyjamas. He was grateful, therefore, that Lt. Comdr. Sims should lend him a suit of clothes from his own personal wardrobe before he went ashore to hospital. Mr. Perry said he would also like to put on record his own indebtedness to Surgeon Comdr. Hamilton, of H.M.S. Kent, who looked after his injury.

Harking back to the days immediately preceding the piratical attack, Mr. Perry said that they had a most peaceful voyage from Swatow. Things were going on splendidly, and he expressed himself as being "the most surprised man in the world" when he learned that a piracy was afoot. "I have been four-and-a-half years on the China Coast, and this was the first time I came into contact with these bad people," he said. "I would not want to go through it again."

Naval Help Arrives.

"However, the wireless operator succeeded in getting his message through at last. At about 4.30 a.m. he got into direct touch with the Commodore at Hongkong, who relayed the Hatching's call for help to two destroyers, the Stirling and the Sirdar which were somewhere in the Blas Bay region at the time. They made at full speed for the Hatching.

"Realising the futility of carrying on the attack upon the appearance, at 6.30 a.m. of the first of the destroyers, the pirates gave up firing. Presumably they threw their arms overboard, and readmitted their role of passengers, mixing up with the other steerage people as possibly their only way of avoiding fatal recognition.

"The Stirling sent over a boat with an armed party, and these fellows soon got the ship's pumps working. The Sirdar upon her arrival put alongside and got her own pumps working, running out her own hoses into the No. 2 hold where the fire was raging furiously.

"Carrying on, the Sirdar took our passengers over, with the wounded. We then returned to Hongkong.

"I was feeling rather bad from the wound in my side, so missed much of the fighting the fire after being taken aboard the Stirling and brought back here on her.

"Mr. Perry expressed himself in the most grateful terms for the kind treatment he received at the hands of the officers and crew. Of Lt. Cmdr. Sims, who commands the Stirling, Mr. Perry said he was unremittingly in his attention, making frequent visits to where Mr. Perry and the other officers of the Hatching were accommodated, and en-

joyed the best of care.

DEATH-ROLL NOT YET DEFINITE.

SOME OF THE PASSENGERS RELEASED.

The death-roll in the Hatching tragedy is still not definitely established. In the early hours of this morning nine bodies had been taken to the mortuary from the Hatching, but it is not clear at the moment whether this number has since been added to.

The nine included two women, obviously passengers.

Few have so far been identified and police work on this side of the affair is concentrated on establishing the identity of the victims.

Undoubtedly some are members of the crew and others may be members of the pirate gang.

Interviewed by the Telegraph this morning, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, said he was unable definitely to detail the casualties. He pointed out that police officers were engaged in the work of identification and until that was completed it would be impossible to say how many pirates, passengers and members of the crew lost their lives and how many were injured.

Mr. King added that he expected to be able to compile a list of the casualties late this afternoon.

With regard to the passengers who were detained at Police Headquarters after being taken off the ship and warships, Mr. King stated that the women and children were released last night and sent to boarding houses.

Over Fifty Released.

The women and children released totalled 42. In addition, twelve men were released by the police during last night and this morning after these had produced evidence of their bona fides.

Mr. King pointed out that many of the passengers, although very probably not connected with the pirates in any way, were under the difficulty of knowing few or no people in Hongkong who could speak for them. It is expected, however, that the passengers will be able to prove their innocence to the satisfaction of the police and that others will be released as enquiries progress.

Asked whether it had been possible to determine how many pirates were among the number of people detained at Police Headquarters, Mr. King said that at the moment there were five or six people who might be suspected of participation in the piracy.

In Hospital.

The following are the injured now in the Government Civil Hospital:

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22046 Daddy Won't You Please.
Take You.
I'm the Medicine Man.
Wouldn't Be Wonderful.
22067 Lift Up My Finger.
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(Blue Waters).
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SATURDAY'S RACE
MEETING.MR. HARRIMAN IN GOOD
RIDING FORM.

The final Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Saturday was favoured by exceptionally fine weather. There was a large crowd of turf enthusiasts, who witnessed some fine sport. Mr. Harriman did well in the saddle, steering Chesapeake Bay to victory in the Autumn Champions and also being victorious with The Ape in the Subs' Champions. He also got a second and a third. Mr. Bulteel was well to the fore, with two wins and a second.

December Handicap: "A" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mr. Dynnet's Young Pretender (160 lbs.) (Mr. T. O. Bulteel) 1

Meers, Lau & Lee's Duke of Chantilly (164 lbs.) (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 2

Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Winsome Stag (160 lbs.) (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 3

Also ran: "Grand Tattoo Eve" (156)

(Mr. R. H. Charles) and Monterey Bay (158) (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

*6 lbs. overweight and mirthngale: Martingale and blinkers.

Won by 1 1/2 lengths.

Time: 1 min. 47 1/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$10.30; places, \$6.50, \$7.00.

Nullah Plate: Five Furlongs.—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve (168 lbs.) (Mr. R. H. Charles) 1

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Majestic Hall (165 lbs.) (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 2

Mr. Dynnet's King's Counsel (158 lbs.) (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

Also ran: "Misty Eve" (153) (Mr. F. Lobel) 3

*Three lbs. allowance: Martingale, Won by 3 1/2 lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1 min. 12.3/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$6.30; places, \$5.20, \$5.30.

December Handicap: "B" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mr. Yam Man's Fifty Fifty (160 lbs.) (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 1

Mr. K. H. Kny's Tarmacadam (150 lbs.) (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 2

Meers, Bennett & Cave's San Francisco (160 lbs.)

Also ran: (Mr. D. A. Cave) 3

Also ran: Campbell (165) (Mr. Arnold); City Hall (170) (Mr. Charles); Creem Crackers (152) (Mr. Heard); Huntington (158) (Mr. McCartney); Piccy (149) (Mr. Bulteel); Thunderball (150) (Mr. Harriman).

*2 lbs. overweight; *2 lbs. overweight; headfren.

Won by 3 1/2 lengths; 6 lengths.

Time: 1 min. 49 2/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$18.00; places, \$8.00; \$11.90; \$20.30.

Hongkong Autumn Champions: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies that have won at least one race at an Extra Meeting of this Club during 1929. Weight for inches as per scale. 1st Prize: \$500. 2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd Prize: \$150.

Mr. H. H. Chan's Chesapeake Bay (158 lbs.) (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 1

Meers, Beth & Seth's Christmas Chimera (158 lbs.) 2

(Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 3

Mr. Yam Man's One Third (158 lbs.) (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

Won by 3 lengths; 5 lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 37 3/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$20.80; places, \$12.20, \$10.

December Handicap: "D" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Messrs. Lau & Lee's Duke of Normandy II. (170 lbs.)

(Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 1

Mr. C. H. Little's Sunlach (154 lbs.) (Mr. D. A. Cave) 2

Mr. Rodin's Ching Ho (158 lbs.) (Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

Messrs. Yue & Lo's Pumpkin (158 lbs.) (Mr. G. A. Harriman) 3

Also ran: Cavalier (170) (Mr. Charles); Desert Wind (156) (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Duke of Nieblung (158) (Mr. Arnold); Kun On (158) (Mr. Sewell); Ploughman (147) (Mr. Lau); The Jungle Book (146) (Mr. Liang).

*7 lbs. overweight.

Won by a length; 1/2 length, *dead heat for third.

Time: 1 min. 55 2/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$20.20; places, \$7.10; \$12.00; *3rd \$6.80

(Pumpkin); \$6.00 (Ching Ho).

Hongkong Autumn Subscription

Griffins' Champions: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this season. Winners only. Weight for inches as per scale. 1st Prize: \$500.

2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd Prize: \$150.

Mr. Harriman's The Ape (155 lbs.)

(Mr. G. A. Harriman) 1

Mr. Dynnet's Falloch (158 lbs.)

(Mr. T. O. Bulteel) 2

Mr. John Peel's Noukhai (162 lbs.)

(Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 3

Also ran: Duke of Milan (158)

(Mr. G. U. da Roza) 3

Won by a length; 5 lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 40 3/5 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$15.80; place, \$8.70; \$9.80.

December Handicap: "C" Class: Seven Furlongs.—For China Ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mr. Harriman's Bright Prospect (142)

(Mr. A. B. S. Clarke); Chemal (140) (Mr. Fischer); Fanning Star (150)

(Mr. McCarney); Tinea (145) (Mr. Arnold); Movember (145) (Mr. Cave); Wuchang (151) (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Zircon II (147) (Mr. da Roza) and Loch Elvra (169) (Mr. Heard).

*2 lbs. overweights; *3 lbs. over-

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAIIS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Penang Maru	December 9.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	December 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Changte	December 9.
Straits	Talamba	December 10.
Japan	Sado Maru	December 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	Dakar Maru	December 10.
London (parcels)	Chengtu	December 10.
Straits	Antenor	December 12.
Japan	Sydney Maru	December 12.
Canada (Victoria B.C. 23rd November)	Emp. of Asia	December 12.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Jeypore	December 12.
Straits	Hakone Maru	December 13.
Japan	Muroran Maru	December 14.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 15th Nov.)	Pres. Hayes	December 14.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Hong Kheng	December 14.
Europe via Nagapatam (letters only)	Bingo Maru	December 15.
London 14th November	Taiyo Maru	December 16.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 20th Nov.)	Pres. Cleveland	December 16.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Malva	December 20.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

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	Registration	4:15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 30th Dec.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Dec. 9.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Haiphong & Wuchow via Halphong Ichung	Taiyo Maru	Tues., Dec. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Dalren	Taiyo Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Borneo Maru	Dec. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Tscharoëa	Tues., Dec. 10, 8.30 a.m.
	Perseus	Tues., Dec. 10, K.P.O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
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CHINA'S INTERNAL
ADMINISTRATION.

While the Nanking Government is harassed with the problem of internal strife, its indefatigable Ministry of the Interior continues to give its attention to internal reconstruction. It has just issued instructions regulating the choice of district magistrates. The *hien* (county or district) is the unit of civil government. On the choice of good men for the post of district magistrate depends the welfare of the country. These are the men who directly represent the authority of the Central Government in its dealings with the people. It was so under the Empire, when the magistrate was the father and mother of the people. It is to be so under the Republic. According to Dr. Sun's scheme for reconstructing government after the Revolution, these magistrates are to be elected popularly. The emergence of the people from the state of pupillage will be marked by the gradual requirement of the right of election of its own officers by each progressive *hien*. It does not follow, however, that the qualification for election will be, as it largely is in England for the election of a Mayor, public service and prominence as a citizen. The interim regulations now issued show that it is the intention of the Government to develop a kind of civil service, from whose trained ranks men will be chosen for official position. In this way an approximation to the old examination system combined with choice by the people may be reached.

In these provisional regulations, issued for use during the period of pupillage and pending the elaboration of a satisfactory examination system, four points are stressed: the provisional system of examination, the selection of men of ability, the method of appointment, and the system of preliminary training. A general written examination, more especially in the art of politics, in economics, administration and kindred subjects, including of course, the Three Principles, is to be followed by an oral examination. This seems rather to be an

investigation by the Chairman of the Provincial Government and the Head of the Bureau for Civil Affairs, of the qualifications of the candidate, and an estimate from the general impression he makes in an interview of his capacity for administrative posts. Much stress is laid on the second point, namely, the importance of seeking out and selecting men naturally suited for such posts, which it is emphasized are of extreme importance for the welfare of the people. Actual election will be from a small panel selected by the two provincial leaders who conduct the examination. Preliminary training is to be got mainly in the provincial city, presumably in the provincial city, presumably in the administration of minor posts. The defendants were all discharged.

These regulations do at least indicate that the Government is seeking to remedy what is at present the weak part of its administration. An obvious criticism of the scheme is that the examination system does not stand sufficiently on its own feet. It is conducted by the men who really make the appointment, and is of such a nature that personal considerations cannot but tend to creep in. There is, too, no reference to the present abuses by which places are bought, often in competition, and, sometimes by a group who put up the money and expect to recoup themselves from what their man makes during his insecure tenure of office. Worse indeed than the corruption in the purchase of office is this insecurity in its tenure. No man can be sure that if he sets out to rule well he will be left more than a month or two in his place. Moreover, the low rate of remuneration compared with the charges of the office, the magistrate having to pay his own under-officials and yamen servants, makes it essential that he resort to illegal means of raising money if he is not to be ruined.

The whole subject bristles with difficulties, but not until definite and adequate salaries are paid, and office is for a more certain period, can much reform be hoped for. At present, everything depends on the man himself. If one can be found who so far subordinates private gain to the public weal as to do rough justice in the cases brought before him, and to keep down banditry and robbery, public opinion will hold him as a good magistrate, and be blind to the extraction of heavy court fees, and swollen expenses for travelling or other items which litigants regard as the normal costs of a suit. Meanwhile, if these regulations become effective, a beginning at least will have been made in the return to a more creditable officialdom.

The German Republic.

While the German Nationalists mustered sufficient strength to compel the Reichstag to consider their measure directed jointly against the Young plan and that clause of the Versailles Treaty which places sole responsibility for the World War upon Germany, it would be unfair to the German Government and to the German people to construe this tentative victory of the Nationalists as evidence that the Republic is in any way losing its prestige, or that representative German opinion intends either to repudiate any of its accepted obligations or to cast recklessly into discard the hard-wrought reparations agreement which was effected under the leadership of the Young Commission. It is obvious that the Nationalist effort to arouse the German electorate upon this two-fold referendum was sponsored essentially as a gesture against the Republic—a gesture which before the referendum is completed may very likely disclose a weakening of the Nationalist cause rather than its strengthening. The linking of the question of the war guilt clause—which in due course must be repudiated by international agreement, and not by national legislation—with a renunciation of the Young Plan, which surely deserves support at this time, may have been shrewd politics, but it is not reflecting credit to the Nationalist movement either in Germany or out. Thus, in the preliminary test, the Nationalists were able to summon

DAY BY DAY.

THERE WILL BE MISTAKES IN
DIVERSITY WHILE MEN PREACH, AND
DIVERSITY IN GOVERNMENT WHILE MEN
GOVERN.—Sir Dudley Carlton.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. St. Albans, from Manila, is due here to-morrow morning.

The P. and O.s.s. Macedonia, from Hongkong, arrived at Macao on Thursday, December 6th, at 6.30 a.m.

When a charge of kidnapping a small boy was again mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning against two men, a woman and two youths, Sergeant Jessop said that that he had been instructed to withdraw the charge as the Police were not offering any evidence. The defendants were all discharged.

Two Russians, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stowing away from Shanghai on board the s.s. Malaya, were each sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. The defendants, who were found in the steerage, intimated that they had been unable to find employment in Shanghai where they had been for four months.

A gardener's folk, living at old Kowloon Tong, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny of a bunch of chrysanthemums from the adjoining garden. The defendant, who was arrested with the flowers in his possession, admitted the larceny and was fined \$25 or one month's hard labour in default.

The feature programme of the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, at present in Cecil B. De Mille's beautiful production "The King of Kings." Yesterday Miss Daphne Leigh, the British artiste, sang appropriate songs during the screening of the picture, more or less converting a silent picture into a "talkie." The Theatre was packed to the utmost and many patrons were turned away.

On a charge of larceny of a sewing machine and several articles of clothing from 248, Temple Street, three Chinese, one of whom lived in the same house as the complainant all pleaded guilty to-day at the Kowloon Magistracy. The first and second defendants who had previous convictions were given sentences of four months' hard labour each while the other was sentenced to two months.

Congratulations are to be extended to the publishers of *The Macao Review*, a new illustrated monthly, which has just made its appearance. The publication is intended to be a review of the news and problems of the little Portuguese Colony, and its sponsors hope that it will serve as a means whereby members of the Portuguese nation and their many friends may be kept in touch one with another and with problems of mutual interest. The *Review*, which is non-partisan and printed in English, except for one page in Portuguese, is well produced and contains a wealth of interesting reading matter, freely illustrated. It sells at thirty cents per month.

Passengers homeward bound on the P. & O. *Kawalpindi*, which left Hongkong on Saturday, include Lt. J. F. Blackburn, Mrs. J. Bostock, Lt.-Cdr. W. D. and Mrs. Brown, Lt. C. R. Carstairs, Cdr. Engineer S. Chambers, Dr. N. H. Dastur, Capt. I. Hay-Hendry and Mrs. Hay-Hendry, Bishop J. Holden and Mrs. Holden, Right Honourable Lord Hallisham and Lady Hallisham, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hawkins, Engr.-Cdr. H. L. Harvey, Mr. J. H. Kenly, Miss Knox, Mr. P. N. Karanji, Mr. L. de Luca, Lt.-Cdr. C. C. L. Mackenzie, Flight Lieut. L. G. Nixon, Lt.-Cdr. M. W. Noel, Capt. J. D. Nares, Mrs. M. E. Normington, Mr. F. Normington, Brix. General and the Hon. Mrs. Portal, Comdr. J. N. Pelly, Mrs. P. Potts, Mrs. A. Swann, Sir Richard Threlfall, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham and Mr.

but a fraction more than the necessary 10 per cent. of the electorate to require the Reichstag to act upon their proposal. The vote, moreover, commanded less than 70 per cent. of the normal Nationalist strength. While the formal referendum is certain to swell this total, there is every indication that the German people will not lend themselves to such an unwise project. The test which this referendum is putting upon the shoulders of the young Republic should, indeed, provide a fitting event with which to crown the eleventh anniversary of the establishment of Germany's democratic regime. The Republic has served Germany well, and in a happier atmosphere than when Woodrow Wilson first used these words it can be said to-day that Germany is doing its part to make the world safe for democracy.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve. Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, December 12th, for the monthly inspection of Equipment etc. Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Belt (without Frog), Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet, Badge, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be enframed. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member need be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make a point of being present.

Flying Squad.

Constable R348 E. Campbell has been transferred from the Kowloon to the Hongkong Section as from December 7th, 1929.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 10th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsu Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, December 13th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Rifles.—All members who have not yet drawn their rifles should do so at the earliest moment by applying at the Police Reserve Office, on any morning this week.

(Sd.) W. KENT, A. S. P.
Adjutant.

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

PRODUCTION OF FARCE A BIG SUCCESS.

Shameen, Dec. 8.

The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society again staged the well-known farce "Lord Richard in the Pantry" for the second and last time at the Canton Club Theatre last night.

The play was an even greater success than on its first production here. A full house gave the actors and producer a rousing reception, and it was generally voted to have been one of the best productions ever staged by the C.A.T.S.

Mr. Wm. Galloway, as Lord Richard Sandridge, really excelled himself; and all the others were just keyed up to that exact point which makes it difficult to distinguish amateurs from professionals.

Mrs. Th. Brameld's rendering of the tipsy cook was really delightful, whilst Mr. W. R. Farmer, as Carter the Butler, evoked roars of laughter.

Mrs. Hill in the leading part as Sylvia Gayford, a widow, played her part with a most convincing air.

At the conclusion of the play there was loud and prolonged applause, for the actors and loud shouts of "Producer!" Mr. G. M. D. D. Wolf, who was responsible for the production, was heartily acclaimed on his appearance. The large numbers of bouquets and parcels presented amply testified to the popularity of the production.

FIRE ON GERMAN FREIGHTER.

BLAZE EXTINGUISHED IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Spontaneous combustion of the bunker coal was believed to be the cause of an outbreak of fire on board the *Norddeutscher Lloyd* freighter *Luhn* whilst at sea between Shanghai and Hongkong.

Good work on the part of the officer and crew of the steamer prevented the outbreak from assuming serious proportions and when she arrived in port early on Saturday morning, only one of her hatches was encumbered.

The master of the vessel notified the Fire Brigade of the occurrence, but intimated that the outbreak had already been extinguished.

Everything went well until about 5 a.m. to-day when fire again broke out. Two fireboats went out to the steamer, which was moored to Buoy A 5, and these stamped out the blaze without very much difficulty.

The *Luhn* already had steam up in readiness for her departure for Europe to-day, and was taken to Kowloon Wharf where she is now discharging her cargo.

The Very Idea!

There is a solicitor in Wolverhampton who is still at work, we are told, at the age of 91. He has been in the profession for 75 years, and the idea of retiring altogether from business has not yet occurred to him. Perhaps some day when he is old . . . There are, in fact, eight other solicitors of whom the youngest has 64 years in the law to his credit.

It looks as if the practice of the law were a sure way to longevity. The dust of legal terms seems to have a tonic influence upon the system, and though many people might perhaps jib at employing a doctor who was over ninety, there are plenty of instances of distinguished lawyers who have carried on with unclouded brains to an advanced age, the late Lord Halsbury, for example.

We are reminded of a Frenchman who was waiting for election to the Academy. He waited long and yet no vacancy occurred. He himself was well advanced in years, and when a friend asked him for a recipe for longevity his answer was short and to the point: "Become a member of the Academie Francaise."

(The system of stamping home-killed beef with a mark of England in special, non-poisonous ink, is reported to be entirely successful).

That little map of England stamped
Upon our Sunday's beef
Is proving highly popular.
Much to the alien's grief.
Less foreign meat than formerly
Must, therefore, disembark
At last the English butcher men
Have really made their mark.

Two and a half million passengers were detected travelling without tickets on the main railway lines in India in 1928, and a sum of Rs. 2,000,000 was collected from them.

This information was given by Sir Ernest Jackson, Agent of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, in his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Indian Railway Conference Association in Simla on Oct. 11.

The railway had done everything possible to put a stop to the practice of travelling without tickets but, as a subcommittee of the Conference had reported, no substantial amendment of the law was possible without amending the Railway Act so as to make the offence cognizable.

Motorcyclist at Kingston—I was trying a . . . machine an . . . was unaware that I was going fast.

A woman's face, we are told, is still her fortune. Some of them are liable to be arrested for forgery.

"What does it mean when a picture falls?" asks a correspondent. Probably that the card was rotten.

Man at Bromley—He unbuckled his belt and said he would kill me, and I said, "Wait a bit until I get my horse."

Willow-leaf Applicant—Can a pre-war tenant do as she likes? Magistrate—No, not even if she is pre-Civil War.

A man who endeavoured to cover up a very large bald head with very small material was nicknamed "Greyhound" because he "made a little here go a long way."

WHO WAS . . .
BUNTHORNE?

It was W. S. Gilbert's chief delight to lash the foibles and follies of his day and generation. In the character of Bunthorne, the fanciful posturist of the opera "Patience," he has attired the type of person who adopts an affected style of dress and thought merely for the sake of drawing attention to his otherwise very ordinary self.

Reginald Bunthorne was a vain young man to whom admiration was the breath of life. As neither his looks nor brains were at all remarkable he was compelled to use considerable ingenuity in order to satisfy his love of praise and flattery. He posed as an aesthetic, art-loving creature, a poet, a babbler, a lot of incomprehensible, but impressive nonsense; dressed in early English style, and went about with a lily in his hand. Foolish maidens fell wildly enamoured of him, copied his style of dress, listened to his poems, and even decked him with flowers until another, and handsomer poet appeared upon the scene.

Though Reginald tried by every means to uphold his own prestige, the maidens fled and he was left lamenting in a suitable fate for such a foolish young man.

GRAVE CRISIS IN NORTH CHINA.

HONGKONG BATTALION READY TO LEAVE?

NAVAL FORCES CENTRING AT NANKING.

A SHANGHAI REVOLT!

Increasingly grave developments of the new revolt against the Chiang Kai-shek regime in Nanking, including the cutting of the Nanking-Shanghai Railway by the rebels, and an attempted revolt in the suburbs of Shanghai, are giving foreign naval and military authorities cause for the deepest concern. Two 10,000-ton cruisers, H.M.S. Suffolk and H.M.S. Berwick have been despatched, with one or two destroyers, to Nanking.

It is strongly rumoured in Hongkong this morning, not entirely without foundation, that a battalion of troops (either the Somersets or the King's Own Scottish Borderers) are ready to leave Hongkong for the North or elsewhere for the protection of British interests in the affected parts at the shortest notice.

Further fighting has taken place close to Ichang between the rebel forces and a large army loyal to Chiang Kai-shek. The loyal troops are reported to have met with success, and after a battle which continued during the night of Saturday and Sunday morning, the rebels retreated about 10 miles.

The Government troops have now been reinforced and it is thought that the situation in the immediate vicinity of Ichang will soon be under control.

As a precautionary measure, however, foreign women and children are still being kept ready for withdrawal.

Shanghai-Nanking Rly. Cut.

Shanghai, Dec. 9. The Shanghai-Nanking Railway was cut in three places by rebel soldiers yesterday but the damage has been repaired by railway gangs under the supervision of the foreign engineers.

The rebel forces which are loose in this part of the country are variously estimated to be between two thousand and ten thousand strong.

They are reported to have made their way southwards from the railway line.

Trains are now running smoothly.

H.M.S. Suffolk left for Nanking this morning, but it is understood that it has not yet been deemed necessary to take the foreign residents of Nanking aboard.

Firing in Shanghai.

Some firing was heard in the vicinity of Shanghai on Saturday night.

It appears that small gangs of soldiers and hooligans attempted to loot Nantao suburb and to seize the Lungwha Arsenal, but the movement was suppressed without difficulty.—Reuter.

Train Wreck in Fresh Sabotage.

Later.

The Shanghai-Nanking Railway was again cut during last night (Sunday-Monday) between Anting and Hwangtu. The rails were pulled up at Bridge 24 some twenty-five miles from Shanghai.

Foreign delegates to the Provisional Court Conference at Nanking got through safely, but a freight train from Nanking overturned at four o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

Shanghai Precautions.

Shanghai, Dec. 9. The French authorities here are rightly closing the iron gates bordering on to the native city.

The situation at Chapei and Nantao is easier, though Martial Law continues in force.

Roads are being strictly patrolled, and all pedestrians are being searched and questioned after nightfall.—Our Own Correspondent.

Chiang Kai-shek Calm.

Nanking, Dec. 7. A military conference was held this morning at which Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have expressed confidence in the Government's ability to suppress the rebels in the immediate future. He is planning to use 70,000 troops for the campaign at Pukow.

It is reported that the Government forces have recaptured Anting.

Tang Seng-chi's headquarters here have been closed, and his bodyguard disarmed.

It is officially stated that the cause of the Pukow mutiny was

SOVIET ACQUIRES MANSION.

FOR LONDON AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

WEST END PROPERTY.

London, Dec. 8. Sunderland House one of the most palatial mansions in the West End of London, has been acquired by the Soviet Government as the official residence of M. Sokolnikoff, recently-appointed Ambassador to Great Britain, who is expected in London this week.

At the King will be in residence at Buckingham Palace during the next ten days, it is probable that M. Sokolnikoff will present his credentials there early next week, possibly simultaneously with the presentation of credentials by Sir Edmund Ovey, the new British Ambassador to Moscow.

The British Ambassador was to have left London en route for Moscow yesterday, but the cancellation of the Channel steamer services, owing to the storm, necessitated a postponement.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI MOTOR ACCIDENT.

GERMAN KEPT IN PRISON ALL NIGHT.

IN A CHINESE CELL.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. We are informed that on Friday evening at about 5.30 o'clock, Mr. E. A. Reiniger, a German, employed with one of the local motor car firms, was driving a car in Chinese territory, along the extension of Avenue Dubail, when he had the misfortune to become involved in an accident in which a Chinese beggar was concerned.

The man was not very badly hurt, but Mr. Reiniger took him to hospital and arranged for the payment of the man's hospital expenses. On the suggestion of a Chinese naval officer, who was kind enough to assist Mr. Reiniger in the matter of interpretation, Mr. Reiniger then proceeded to a Chinese Police Station, where, after making his report, he was immediately put into a cell with ten Chinese and kept there all night.

He was not allowed to communicate with his family, or a lawyer, but, in the morning, bail was fixed at \$20.

He was later taken before a Chinese Court where he was fined \$20, the bail money being returned to him.—N. C. Daily News.

IMPRESSIVE TOC SERVICES.

BRITISH HONOUR GERMAN FALLEN.

London, Oct. 8. The birthday festival of Toe H concluded with special church services attended by thousands of people.

A representative from Germany was given a most remarkable reception at the People's Palace in the East End, where the huge audience stood in silence "in memory of the many thousands of those of what was once the other side, have passed on."—Reuter.

Ships Unmaneable.

Reports from Brest this evening stated that several vessels are in imminent danger off the Brittany coast.

Signals asking for assistance were received in the late afternoon by several wireless stations on the South coast of Ireland and England from vessels which had become unmanageable in the storm. Several others reported themselves in temporary difficulties. The Cross-Channel services were suspended yesterday owing to the storm but were resumed to-day, under great difficulties. All the Imperial Airways services were stopped.

Falling trees and chimney stacks brought down by the gale accounted for six deaths on land yesterday.

£14,000,000 in Art Treasures.

The progress of the Italian steamer, "Leonardo da Vinci," which is now believed to be in the Bay of Biscay with her fourteen million pounds cargo of art treasures, being brought to England for next month's exhibition of Italian art in London, is being watched with some anxiety owing to the heavy gales.

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HEROISM IN THE GREAT GALE.

FINE SINGLE-HANDED RESCUE FEAT.

SHIPPING DISASTERS IN THE CHANNEL.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNTS.

London, Dec. 8. The exceptionally violent gale which struck Southern England on Friday night and continued yesterday was renewed with terrible severity to-day.

At its height the velocity of the wind yesterday reached one hundred and eight miles an hour, which is a record for England. This figure was recorded at the Scilly Islands.

There were many casualties both on land and sea.

Off Hartland Point, on the rugged coast of North Devon, the Cardiff steamer "Radyr" (2,000 tons) with a crew of twenty-one was lost.

She was seen appealing for help, which, owing to the mountainous seas, could not be given and then disappeared. Lifeboats from Appledore and Clovelly attempted to put to sea but the vessel could not be launched. After several unsuccessful attempts, the Padstow lifeboat put to sea to search for survivors, but it is unlikely that any could have survived.

The last heard from the vessel before she settled down was that the crew were taking to the boats.

Reports of many other shipwrecks and disasters at sea during yesterday's gale have come to hand.

Wonderful Heroism.

The crew of the small French steamer, "Ornais," of Trouville, which went ashore at Ponzance, probably owe their lives to the daring exploit of a young man named Laity.

High seas and dangerous rocks prevented the lifeboat from approaching the "Ornais" and the hurricane rendered hopeless the attempts to save the crew by a rocket apparatus.

Laity dashed into the sea and gained a rock from which he was able to pass a rope to the "Ornais." While so engaged one of the crew was washed overboard, but Laity rescued him. All the crew were saved.

Liner Gets Relief.

Temporary repairs to her rudder having been effected, the Blue Star liner, "Andalusia," bound from London to South America with 122 passengers, was able to dispense with the assistance of the Admiralty tug which was despatched from Plymouth in answer to her earlier messages.

The crew of the barge, "Mystery," of Harwich, which broke away from her moorings in Dover Harbour, and was driven ashore were saved by a breeches buoy.

Lifeboats from Newhaven succeeded in taking off the crew of the four-masted Norwegian Barque, "Morgen Koch," which was driven ashore near Eastbourne.

The crews of the Shoreham and Selsey lifeboats had a very hard time, spending the whole of Friday night and part of Saturday at sea in efforts to assist the Hungarian vessel, "Honved," which, however, was in the end able to proceed.

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SHIPPING STRIKE IN SHANGHAI.

10,000 CARGO BOATMEN COME OUT.

TAXATION PROTEST.

Shanghai, Dec. 4. The river presented a somewhat deserted appearance on account of the strike of some 10,000 cargo boat coolies who normally operate about 1,600 native cargo lighters.

As reported yesterday, a strike was thought to be brewing on account of the decision of the Chinese authorities to increase the taxation on their craft. Formerly, merely a registration fee was demanded but according to a recent order made by the Chinese authorities a tax has been introduced on a tonnage basis.

Yesterday, all steiners berthed at the buoys, with the exception of a minority which are worked by lighters owned by private foreign companies, were idle, and, where practicable, were moved to wharves to discharge or take on cargo as the case happened to be. There was no cargo delivered to lighters from steamers at wharves but the wharf coolies continued work as usual.

Meetings of the representatives of the Native Cargo Boat Owners Guild were held yesterday at the headquarters of the Guild at 79a Kyih Ching-fang, off Avenue Edward VII. There have been no demonstrations and the strikers are behaving in an orderly manner.

What the Quarrel is About.

Agitation has been going on against this tax since the middle of September when the Iodahs threatened to strike against what they described as an iniquitous tax, which was described as the "vessel tax." This called for a registration fee of \$4 and the payment of a monthly due to the Bureau of Public Utilities for Greater Shanghai.

In September, it will be recalled, when the rice crisis was at its height, the situation was aggravated by the fact that Iodahs refused to land their stocks as a protest against the tax, which they considered both illegal and exorbitant. They demanded the immediate cancellation of the tax and formed themselves into a union, the purpose of which was to fight against the tax. An ultimatum was accordingly sent to the authorities that a general strike would be declared if their demands passed unheeded.

Accordingly, the merchants got to work and the Commission for the Reorganization of Shanghai Commercial Organizations brought the matter to the notice of the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, and Gen. Chang Chun was appealed to cancel the tax. Chang promised to do what he could in the matter, but refused to commit himself as to its cancellation, and later an announcement was made that, instead of paying a monthly tax, the Iodahs could pay in a somewhat reduced lump sum, viz., \$4 annually.

This proposition was accepted and the threatened strike was averted but apparently the Bureau of Public Utilities did not fall in line with Gen. Chang's suggestion and the outcry was raised a fortnight or so ago that the taxes called for were many times higher than those which the Iodahs paid in 1927. The junkmen then gave notice that, if the tax were not reduced or rescinded altogether, a general strike would be declared and apparently their present action is the result of the officials' refusal to accede.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains central to the north of Korea. The typhoon appears to be situated less than 300 miles east of Saigon, moving westward. Fresh monsoon will prevail over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

A social evening will be held in the Hall of St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, at 9 p.m. A special invitation is extended to the congregations of St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Churches. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance from the Cathedral congregation to meet those of the other two churches.

Signals asking for assistance were received in the late afternoon by several wireless stations on the South coast of Ireland and England from vessels which had become unmanageable in the storm. Several others reported themselves in temporary difficulties. The Cross-Channel services were suspended yesterday owing to the storm but were resumed to-day, under great difficulties. All the Imperial Airways services were stopped.

Falling trees and chimney stacks brought down by the gale accounted for six deaths on land yesterday.

£14,000,000 in Art Treasures.

The progress of the Italian steamer, "Leonardo da Vinci," which is now believed to be in the Bay of Biscay with her fourteen million pounds cargo of art treasures, being brought to England for next month's exhibition of Italian art in London, is being watched with some anxiety owing to the heavy gales.

When she arrives in London, she will be plied to her berth, where

KWANGSI ATTACK HANGS FIRE.

SUDDEN ALTERATION OF PLANS.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK BOUND FOR CANTON?

LEADER OR REFUGEE?

Canton, Dec. 8. As has been reported several times, the Kwangsi troops found the Cantonese defences too strong in the West and are therefore moving towards the North River to attack near Tsing Yuen.

At Lupao, which is about half way between Sam Shui and Tsing Yuen, they were intercepted by the Cantonese forces and a brief battle occurred.

The Cantonese claim victory, but it seems to have been of minor importance and has in no way defeated the main body of the rebels, who appear to be still making their way across country towards Tsing Yuen.

Attack Pending.

The main attack should be delivered at almost any moment, though from previous experience of war in South China, it is possible that the attack may be delayed for days, even weeks, and may eventually filter out on the basis of cash transactions, as has so often been done in the past.

The railway between Sam Shui and Canton is working for passenger trains, though the time table is often subject to interruption or delay on account of troop movements.

Chiang Kai-shek Rumours.

It is constantly rumoured that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will himself come south to Canton. These rumours are based on two very different hypotheses.

Some say he will come here to direct the Southern campaign against the Kwangsi and Ironsides.

Others say that he will come here for refuge when he can no longer remain with safety in Nanking.

One thing certain is that he may turn up at any time, as he would almost certainly come down by aeroplane from Nanking, making the journey in seven hours instead of four or five days.

It is difficult to learn any news at the moment. Things are quiet in Canton and officials still maintain an entirely confident attitude.

No Signs of War.

It is almost impossible to believe that there is a war going on within 25 miles of the city; the only signs now are the continual activity in the air, large numbers of aeroplanes constantly leaving and arriving at the aerodrome; and then the extreme quietness of the city at night, when the streets are almost completely deserted.

No more troops have arrived since Thursday. In fact, there are very few soldiers to be seen here at present, most of them being away at the front.

There are large numbers of Chinese merchant vessels in the port. All the vessels which transported troops from the North are now lying idle, besides which there are a number of river boats usually engaged on the West River trade now unable to continue.

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SOMERSETS WIN A POOR GAME.

FREE-KICK INCIDENT AT KOWLOON.

ATHLETIC AND SOUTH CHINA SHARE POINTS.

RECREIO'S GOOD WIN.

By "Wanderer."

Soccer "fans" had little to enthuse over on Saturday. The games expected to provide thrills and football—particularly foot-ball—were woefully disappointing.

From all accounts it would seem that the match between the Club de Recreio and the Royal Artillery, which gave the Recreio their second win, provided more interest than the Kowloon-Somerset and Athletic-South China matches together.

Kowloon suffered another defeat, while the Chinese teams failed to score. St. Joseph's beat the Club in one of those "any-body's" Club in one of those "any-body's" games, while the Navy were much too good for the Police.

In the Junior Division, there were no surprises, other than the failure of Chinese Athletic "A" to defeat the R. A. Reserves. A draw resulted. The four leading clubs registered further victories, the Navy Reserves being top scorers once again, with eight against Two, getting seven in the second half.

Senior League.

Chinese Ath.	0	South China	0
Kowloon	1	Somerset	2
H. K. F. C.	0	St. Joseph's	0
Navy	3	Police	0
R. A.	0	Recreio	2

Junior League.

S. China "B"	0	S. China "A"	4
K. O. S. B.	5	St. Joseph's	1
Two	0	Navy	4
Kowloon	1	Somerset	5
Chinese "B"	2	Eastern	5
R. A. Res.	2	Chinese "B"	2

KOWLOON FALL AGAIN.

Poor Display By Somersets Also.

Kowloon again failed badly, giving an exhibition poorer than in any previous game this season and losing their second league match. Nevertheless, there was an element of luck about the Somersets' victory. They, too, played an unexpectedly poor game and if Kowloon had had two forwards worth the name, the home team would have won. As it was a draw would have been a true reflex of the match and but for a remarkable error of judgment by the referee, this would have been the result.

The incident which decided the match occurred mid-way through the second half when the Somersets held a 1-0 lead. Gillett beat Bawley-Bull in a tackle and running to take the ball up the field before kicking, he knocked it on with his knee. The referee gave a free-kick for hands! If he was not in a good position to see and he could not have been to give such a remarkable decision, he made his mistake the greater by refusing to take notice of the linesman's appeal. That it was a flagrant mistake there could be no shadow of a doubt. The incident occurred in front of the main stand in full view of the majority of the spectators. The Somersets scored from it. Bliss headed the initial kick clear but Rayson took the ball and shot into the net from twenty yards.

This was not the referee's only fault. He "offended" both sides. He gave a free kick against Haywood for a perfectly fair charge on Pile, who went over because he happened to be on one foot at the time. The charge took place well inside the penalty area. The referee carefully placed the ball a yard outside. There were other incidents, but no matter.

Sad as such things are, the football served up was still more distressing. Neither team at any time even approached their real form. Dowman and West, normally two of the best centre-halves in the Colony, were unaccountably weak, but the opposing forwards made no profit from the fact. The respective wing-halves and backs of the two teams played up strongly and together with the lively display of Butcher on the Somersets' left wing, pre-

vented the game from developing altogether into a farce.

The first half, particularly, was disappointing. There was no method at all. The forwards on both sides just booted the ball up the field and dashed after it. The backs were clever enough to position themselves properly to combat this, and it looked odds on a goalless draw until Butcher, the only exception to the rule, dashed through and scored with a terrific shot. Herbert got his ball in the way, but it shot high into the net over the top.

The Somersets had the better of the early exchanges in the second half, though the switching over of Kowloon's inside forwards, McKelvie going centre-forward, effected an improvement. Dowman had extremely bad luck in hitting the crossbar from a pass by McKelvie with Hall well beaten.

Then came the Somersets' second goal, immediately after which Kowloon forced a corner on the left, and McKelvie scored a splendid goal with a first-time drive.

In the meantime, the Somersets lost the services of Harris. Heavily charged by Moss, he fell on his shoulder, and it was feared, dislocated it. Naturally he was unable to return and for the greater part of the last twenty minutes, Kowloon hammered away at the Somersets' goal without success, and few signs of likely success. Dowman again sent in a teaser from a pass by McKelvie, but Hall got to it splendidly in the corner. Chances were frisked away in hopeless fashion, though a contributory factor to Kowloon's ineptitude was the Somersets' policy of kicking out in the last quarter of an hour. From a team at the top of the league it came as a great surprise.

There was something radically wrong with both teams, though it was hard to discover. They seemed to be in too much of a hurry to be able to play in other than ragged fashion. Passes were always going wrong, to a defender instead of a colleague.

Kowloon were more at fault than the Somersets in this respect, but there was certainly the same lack of scoring power and without Butcher, who was always go ahead and sometimes brilliant, the Somersets would have looked just as bad.

Knapp and Harris, until injured, were consistently good and Haywood gave a much improved display, being much more the finished footballer. He was invariably successful in this tackling and he kicked with good judgment. Crawley also played well while behind them Hall made no mistakes.

The only really pretty piece of football in the whole match came from Denmead in the first half. The ball came in from the wing and he nodded it between the backs for Earley to burst through. Hedley came from "no-where" to head him in the nick of time.

Hedley played soundly in spite of the proposition presented by Butcher and he had a very sound man behind him. Bliss and Pile also did well and the right wing had little to say. Dowman was better in attack than in defense. Of the forwards, McKelvie alone played usefully. Gallagher put in two good shots and Moss missed two easy chances. The wingers were poor.

DEFENCES PREVAIL.

The Chinese Teams Fail to Score.

Some really good football might have been seen if the match between the Athletic and South China proceeded throughout on the lines of the opening twenty minutes. In this period, the game was switching about from one end to other at an exceedingly fast while there were many exceedingly thoughtful movements and clever touches on both sides. All the really interesting play was crowded into this period.

For the remainder of the game, the teams appeared to be on edge. The half-backs of both sides were apparently scared to advance too far up the field for fear of a breakdown. The result inevitably, was that neither set of forwards received the support they had a right to expect and the defences dominated.

Another factor entered into the play. The sides "got stuck into it" so to speak and there was too much playing of the man as well as the ball when the man was not singled out for special attention. There was a lot of hacking and kicking and the referee did exceedingly well to keep the game in control.

Altogether, it provided a much less interesting spectacle than was anticipated. The Athletic were a shade the better side throughout, but the vigorous tackling of South China upset their forward combination to a large extent.

THE RECREIO'S SUCCESS.

Royal Artillery Beaten at
Sookumpo.

The Club de Recreio did well to defeat the huffy R. A. side by two clear goals. They were the more convincing side throughout, though their forwards found it extremely difficult to pass Oliver, Rawley and Joyce, who defended stoutly throughout, being robust in their tackling and strong in their kicking.

Ward got both goals. The first came early in the first half, the inside right rushing the ball through after a shot by Rocha had hit the post. The second he scored when headed speculator back to his feet. He made no mistake with the second attempt.

The Recreio won largely because they kept the ball on the carpet as much as possible. Against a tall team it was the only policy, though it was difficult to carry out sometimes owing to the insistence of the R. A. in keeping the ball in the air whenever possible.

Playing fast-football, marked by neat quick passing, the Recreio were undoubtedly the better team. In the second half Fletcher was constantly engaged, his display being a mixture of brilliance and shakiness, though his slips cost his side nothing. Directives was also the keynote of the Artillery's play. They made straight for goal without attempting to be clever and against a less sound defence than the Recreio it is likely to pay.

POLICE LOSE AGAIN.

Rather Lucky to Get Off
so Lightly.

The Royal Navy attacked with such persistence that the Police, in spite of the hard work of their defence to whom all credit, were rather lucky to escape with only three goals against them. There were few occasions when the Police looked likely to offer a challenge. They made occasional raids in both halves, but the forwards were all at sixes and sevens and no amount of good passes from the rear seemed capable of instilling any real life into the attack.

Kennedy scored the only goal of the first half during a melee in front of goal, and the Police defence then held out until the last ten minutes when Cann and Kennedy got further goals. In the meantime some good work by the backs and goalkeeper and some very poor shooting by the Navy had alone prevented them from emphasising the value of their win.

The Navy defence was only rarely extended. The half-backs simply dominated the midfield work, and Jarvis, McGregor and Jones were left with very little to do. The forwards were persistent and did much clever work, but need shooting practice.

The Police were sound in defence, but when they were so relieved of pressure, to concede only three goals was an excellent performance.

AN EVEN GAME.

Club Unlucky To Suffer Defeat.

Territorially, the Club had rather the better of their game with St. Joseph's, and deserved at least a division of the spoils. St. Joseph's were more soundly served in attack, but their half-back line was not up to the standard set by Gilchrist, Stewart and Watson. The Club applied strong pressure both in the opening stage and towards the close, and twice the upright was struck with the goalkeeper beaten, once by Alexander and once by Stewart.

The football served up was not good, however. There was too much aimless kicking and the Club forwards who had plenty of chances to shine were chiefly at fault. Davies was the exception. Instead of taking a flying kick at it, he would hang on without doing any good until he was robbed.

Alexander was about the best forward on either side. He did not try to do too much. He worked hard, forged for himself when necessary and put in plenty of good centres. Tramdaley did some good things and so did Railton, but they were too patchy to be at all impressive.

The St. Joseph's forward line was more workmanlike but they had a very difficult proposition to overcome and were lucky to succeed on the one occasion that a goal was scored. The Club were attacking, but a long clearance sent Jackson away and with the Club defenders chasing him, he ran in and beat Rodger with a goal shot.

Sound goalkeeping by Rocha and poor shooting by their forwards robbed the Club of the merits of their exhibition.

THE FIRST BOXING TOURNAMENT.

TWO TITLE BOUTS END UNSATISFACTORILY.

CREIGHTON'S SUPERIORITY OVER MORRISH.

ROWLES BEATS MANN.

By "Wanderer."

The least said about Saturday's boxing tournament, the soonest mended. It was the first of the season under the auspices of the H.K.B.A. and we may be sure that the disappointment felt by the large audience was doubly emphasised in the minds of the officials who, beyond question, had gone to special lengths to provide an attractive entertainment.

Unfortunately, nothing panned out quite in accordance with reasonable expectations. Two new champions were installed: neither in a manner wholly satisfactory.

Morrish retired in the fifth round of his contest with Jock Creighton.

A.B. Rowles defeated Leading Stoker Mann in the third round of

the contest for the heavyweight

title, but his win was not very

convincing. He left it to Jock

Creighton to prove himself a worthy

champion, and this the Cornwall

man did in decisive fashion, though

the opposition could hardly be called

good. Like three of the other four

contests, the welterweight champion

bout was too one-sided to be

really interesting. In the only

fight which promised a hard even

contest, the heavyweight encounter

Mann crumpled up suddenly, throw

ing in his hand when apparently,

within an ace of being knocked out.

Altogether, an evening leaving no

scope for enthusiasm.

A PLUCKY EFFORT.

The start did not lack encouragement, for if Kid Campbell was heavily punished by A.B. "Fancy" Lee, whose extra poundage and aggressiveness proved too much for him, he was at least plucky. Several times, from the second round onwards, it seemed impossible that he could survive the rain of heavy blows from all quarters, but he stuck to it gamely, and refused to give up the unequal struggle until the closing stages of the sixth round when he put his wrist out. Now and again, he sailed into Lee in a forlorn sort of effort to snatch the match out of the fire, and he got him a trifling groggy in the fourth round with a lucky right hook and then lacked the energy to follow it up. Lee did not again give his opponent a similar opportunity, and he finished strongly, being an easy winner. Lee, who is of H.M.S. Sepoy, weighed in at 147½ lbs. Campbell, a local fighter, fought at 144 lbs.

CLASS TELLS.

Marine Fraser, H.M.S. Tamar was too unenvied a hand for A.B. Clayton, H.M.S. Berwick, and he won comfortably the only contest which went the full distance. Clayton's boring tactics did not worry him over much, and when the fight was in the open, it was easy to see why Clayton did not relish this mode of fighting. Fraser hit him with both hands very much at will. Only in in-fighting did Clayton make any sort of a show and even here Fraser did not always have the worst of the pummelling. Fraser was cool and confident throughout and used his left very effectively.

ONE MINUTE SUFFICES.

A ten pounds deficit in weight is far too much among little men and the featherweight contest between Stoker Harley and L.S. Wells ended within sixty seconds, Wells throwing in his hand directly he had felt the full weight of Harley's punch. Harley weighed in at 129½ lbs and Wells at 119½ lbs.

CREIGHTON'S SUCCESS.

Jock Creighton's superiority over Leading Stoker Morris in the welterweight championship was never in doubt. Morris is credited with a victory over Creighton in the China Squadron championship, but even if the contest was over three rounds only, it puzzles me how he did it. Creighton's very considerable advantage in height and reach—a disparity enhanced by Morris's crouching tactics—obviously called for something special in the way of tactics and punching ability if it was to be overcome. Morris gave no sign that he possessed either an effective counter to the physical advantages of his opponent, or the evident boxing superiority.

Creighton steered clear of Morris's wild rushes and swings with the ease born of experience. Dainty footwork frequently found him presented with a side view of his opponent as Morris made a dive at "the air." Only once was Creighton really taken off his guard and then Morris smacked him violently on the chest.

FANLING GOLF.

DOCKYARD SPORTS.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT AT CLUB.

Members of the Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club spent an enjoyable evening on Saturday when they gathered together for the annual distribution of prizes and were treated to a fine programme of music. Amongst those who contributed were Mrs. Wilson, and Messrs. E. Longyear, H. Annis, H. Beer, Savage, J. Cornelius, Stacey, Brock, and Dick Barry.

During an interval in the programme, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. R. Tickner as follows:

Swimming.

Musical Lifebuoy: Miss George. Diving Competition: Mr. Dudley Bartlett.

Inter-Departmental Relay: Chief Engineer's Department (Messrs. Faulkner, Jackson and Moore).

Ladies' Handicap: Miss George. Club Championship: Mr. L. Faulkner.

Greasy Pole: Master Ursell. "Nott" Handicap: Mr. Moore.

Mixed Relay: (1) Miss George and Mr. Pankhurst; (2) Mrs. Othen and Mr. Marlow.

Obstacle Race: Miss George.

Dockyard "Derby": Mr. L. Faulkner.

Lifebuoy Race: Master Ursell.

Tennis.

Club Championship: Mr. Matthews (Winner); Mr. Hambley (Runner-up).

Doubles Handicap: Messrs. Moore and Hambley (Winners); Messrs. Kinnar and Spittley (Runners-up).

Singles Handicap "A": Mr. Hambley (Winner); Mr. Matthews (Runner-up).

Singles Handicap "B": Mr. Davey (Winner); Mr. Willmott (Runner-up).

League: Mrs. Gull and Mr. Luck (Winners); Mrs. Osborne and Mr. Matthews (Runners-up).

Shooting.

Club Championship: Mr. Bullen (Winner); Mr. Young (Runner-up).

Officers' Challenge Cup: Mr. Bullen (Winner); Mr. Young (Runners-up).

Handicap: Mr. Young (Winner); Master Ursell (Runner-up).

Billiards.

Handicap: Mr. Faulkner (Winner); Mr. Colesworth (Runner-up).

Snooker.

Handicap: Mr. Cook (Winner); Mr. Lewis (Runner-up).

Bowls.

Inter-Departmental Competition (Shield presented by Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.); Electrical Department.

Departmental Shield.

Highest Aggregate of Points: Construction Department.

FANLING GOLF.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS.

The first and second rounds of the championship were played at Fanling yesterday, with the result that L.G. S. Dodwell, I. W. Shewan, A. E. Lissaman and O. E. C. Marton qualified as semi-finalists. Marton received a walk over from R. D. Wrigley, who won the Jasper Clark Cup a fortnight ago. The two played a friendly game round in the morning and Marton won fairly easily.

First Round.

The results of the first and second rounds were as under:

L. G. S. Dodwell beat H. U. Ireland, 1 up.

N. L. Smith beat F. J. de Rome, 3 and 2.

L. R. Andrewes beat R. Young, 4 and 3.

I. W. Shewan beat A. H. Ferguson, 2 and 1.

W. L. Dunbar beat K. S. Robertson, 2 and 1.

A. E. Lissaman beat D. G. G. MacDonald, 2 and 1.

O. E. C. Marton walk over from R. D. Wrigley.

J. M. Walker beat T. G. Bennett, 7 and 6.

Second Round.

L. G. S. Dodwell beat N. L. Smith, 3 and 1.

I. W. Shewan beat L. R. Andrewes, 4 and 2.

A. E. Lissaman beat W. L. Dunbar, 3 and 2.

O. E. C. Marton beat J. M. Walker, 3 and 1.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football, as cabled by Reuter were:

First Division.

Birmingham	3	Manchester C.	0
Blackburn	2	Leeds	1
Grimsby	0	Everton	3
Huddersfield	2	Portsmouth	1
Leicester	0	Derby	0
Liverpool	1	Burnley	3
Manchester U.	1	Bolton	1
Middlesbrough	4	Wednesday	1
Newcastle	2	Aston Villa	1
Sheffield U.	1	Arsenal	2
West Ham	1	Sunderland	1

Second Division.

Barnsley	3	Stoke	1
Blackpool	3	Wolves	2
Bradford	4	Hull	1
Bury	2	Bradford C.	4
Cheltenham	1	Swansea	0
Millwall	1	Bristol C.	0
Notts. Forest	2	Cardiff	1
Oldham	0	Prenton N.E.	1
Southampton	2	Notts. County	0
Tottenham	0	Reading	1
West Brom.	1	Charlton	0

Third Division (South).

Brentford	2	Luton	0
Brighton	0	Walsall	0
Bristol R.	0	Bournemouth	1
Clapton O.	1	Southend	3
Cavendish	1	Exeter	3
Merthyr	1	Newcastle	5
Newport	5	Gillingham	1
Plymouth	3	Pulham	2
Swindon	2	Queen's P.R.	2
Turkey	2	Crystal Pal.	1
Watford	1	Northampton	0
Abandoned at half time.			

Third Division (North).

Barrow	2	Lincoln	1
Carlisle	1	Rotherham	0
Crowe	2	Aerington	0
Nelson	1	Rochdale	0
New Brighton	1	Donecaster	1
Port Vale	1	Chesterfield	2
Southport	2	South Shields	1
Wigan	1	Hartlepools	2
Wrexham	2	Halifax	2
York	1	Tranmere	1
Postponed		Darlington	1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Hibernian	2
Ayr	2	Morton	2
Celtic	3	St. Mirren	4
Cowdenbeath	4	Clyde	2
Dundee U.	2	Falkirk	1
Hearts	1	Airdrie	2
Motherwell	2	Kilmarnock	2
Queen's Park	2	Hamilton	4
Rangers	4	Dundee	1
St. Johnstone	1	Partick	0

LETTER GOLF.

In to-day's letter golf exercise we get down to BRASS TACKS.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. DEFEAT THE CHINESE R.C.

Two first division cricket matches were played on Saturday, Kowloon C.C. journeyed to Causeway Bay, where they met the Chinese R.C. and returned to the Peninsula with full points.

The other game between the Indian R.C. and the University was drawn. Honours went to the University, who were only thirty behind with nine wickets still to fall when time was called.

DIVISION I.

Kowloon C.C. EASILY DEFEAT CHINESE R.C.

Kowloon C.C. played their second League match on Saturday, and had no difficulty in defeating the Chinese R.C. at Causeway Bay.

The home team batted first but only two players reached double figures, the side being dismissed for the small score of 70. E. F. Fincher secured three wickets for one run in four overs.

The Fincher brothers displayed excellent form with the bat and passed with the C.R.C. total without loss. They retired after making half a century each. Kowloon had scored 162 for four when the match came to an end.

INDIAN R.C. v UNIVERSITY.

The match between the Indian R.C. and the University, played at Sooknupoo was drawn. Some very consistent hitting enabled the home team to declare with 152 on the board for the loss of five wickets. The University made an effort to get the runs, but time was always against them and when stumps were drawn they were 30 behind with nine wickets in hand.

DIVISION II.

CLUB DE RECREIO COLLAPSE AGAINST HONGKONG C.C.

Hongkong C.C. trounced the Club de Recreio.

The Recreio's batting display was weak. Divett, Beck and Duckitt bowled to such good effect that the whole side was out for 64.

Hongkong batted consistently and compiled a total of 242.

KOWLOON C.C. v CRAIGENGOWER.

The match between Kowloon C.C. and Craigengower on the former's ground ended in a draw.

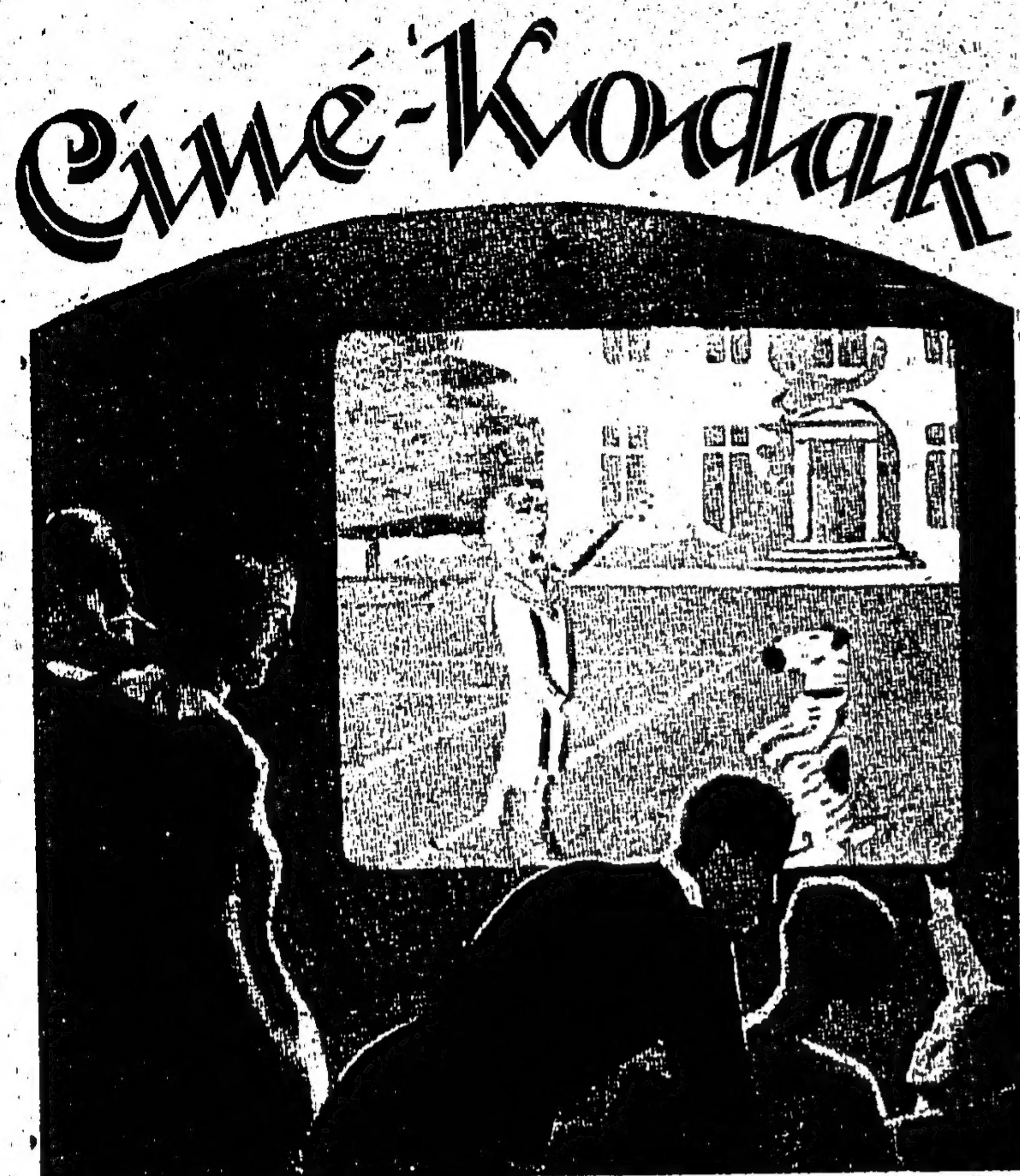
Thanks to a fine opening partnership between Leonard and Way, Craigengower compiled a total of 128. Kowloon made an effort to get the runs early on, but when time was up they were still a long way behind. They lost six wickets in making 92.

INDIAN R.C. v UNIVERSITY.

The Indian R.C. paid a visit to the University and were lucky to escape defeat. They batted first and compiled a total of 147. University replied with 130 for six.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Civil Service and Craigengower engaged in a friendly



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CHARITY BAZAAR.

ANNUAL FETE OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The annual drive for funds in aid of the poor of the Colony which commenced with the holding of a Ross Day last week, culminated in a big bazaar and a raffle held within the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral last night. There was a very ready patronage extended, and the precincts of the Cathedral, decorated with bunting and greenery and illuminated by brilliant lights, presented a very animated scene as an endless procession passed up and down Glenaly to the grounds.

The chief attraction, of course, was the draw for the De Soto car, which was carried out at about 11 o'clock, and resulted in Ticket No. 1457 winning the coveted prize. The fortunate owner is Mr. A. A. Marcal, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Great.

The drawing was carried out by Mr. W. Curtis with the assistance of the Bazaar officials. Consecration urizas drawn were as follows:

2nd: 1098, 3rd: 1492, 4th: 2648,

5th: 1121, 6th: 2963, 7th: 649.

Diamond Ring Winner.

Miss Olga Baptista was the lucky one to get the diamond ring in the surpise cake.

Up to a late hour, the grounds continued to be thronged with visitors. Early estimates forecasted a satisfactory financial return for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, under whose auspices the Fete was held.

Donations Acknowledged.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations.

Mr. Ma Chui-chiu \$10, Messrs. Gande Price and Co., Ltd. \$25, Anonymous \$15, A. Rollin Esq. \$20, Dr. S. Ho Asjoe \$20.

LINER IN COLLISION.

TRANSYLVANIA NOT BADLY DAMAGED.

New York, Dec. 8. The British liner a.s. Transylvania (10,000 tons) and the American steamer Creole (7,000 tons) came into collision in New York harbour. Both vessels returned to their piers. They were not badly damaged.—Reuters' American Service.

New York, later. The Transylvania, after repairs, has sailed for Glasgow.—Reuters' American Service.

TRAIN DERAILED.

WONDERFUL TRIBUTE.

POPULARITY OF BRITISH RHINE FORCES.

Wiesbaden, Dec. 7. In connexion with the departure of the last British troops from the Rhine on December 12 a final series of concerts, competitions and dances will be held at the Hesding, Bingen and Wiesbaden Y.M.C.A.'s during the next few days.

The Germans here paid a wonderful tribute to the popularity of the British troops on the occasion of Sir William Thwaites, the Commander in Chief, accepting an invitation to a circus.

When Sir William Thwaites and four hundred officers and men entered, the band played the General Salute and the Royal Artillery then did the slow march.

Sir William Thwaites and his staff were standing at the ring side in a blaze of light and the audience of 8,000 cheered deafeningly as the officers took their seats.—Reuters.

KLAVENESS LINE.

TO START NEW SERVICE: HONGKONG CALLS.

Sourabaya, Dec. 7. The Norwegian Klaveness Line, commencing on January 1, will operate a new service between American Pacific ports and Java and Sumatra.

The route will be Shanghai, Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Belawan, South Sumatra, Java, Macassar and Balikpapan. From the latter point the steamers will return direct to America.

The service to North China will be provisionally combined with the Dutch East Indies' service, but the latter will be maintained with five new 8,000 ton motorships.

The new line refuses to join the Dutch East Indies Freight Conference and sharp competition with the Java Pacific Line is expected.—Reuters.

TWO-DAYS' SHOW.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO OPEN EXHIBITIONS.

The New Territories Agricultural Show held its committee meeting last Saturday at Tung Ying Kok Po, Sheungshui, to discuss final plans and preparations for the Exhibition to be held on January 4 and 5, at Shek Wu Hui, near Sheungshui Railway Station. Rev. H. R. Wells presided and among those present were Lady Ho Tung, Mr. Fung Ki Cheuk, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Mr. J. D. Bush (Hon. English Secretary), Mr. T. P. Tong (Treasurer), Mr. F. C. Mowfus, Mr. J. J. Whyte, Mr. Ng Sing-chi (Hon. Chinese Secretary), Mr. Tang Mel-tong, and a score of other village elders.

The Hon. English Secretary reported to the Committee that he had heard from Capt. F. Sillitoe to the effect that H. E. the Governor will have much pleasure in opening the forthcoming Show on January 4 at 2.30 p.m.

Railway Arrangements.

The Committee feels gratified that, through the courtesy and generosity of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, special arrangements have been made for the convenience of transporting exhibitors and visitors to the Show. Exhibits, entertainers and catering materials will be carried free from Kowloon to Sheungshui Railway Station. In addition, there will be specially reduced tariff during the two days of the Show. The Kowloon-Canton Railway administration has also made two distinct time-tables for these two days in order to avoid confusion to passengers as to which trains are running.

Furthermore, as an encouragement to the villagers in the vicinities of Shatin and Tai Po, the return fare to Sheungshui will be reduced to 30 cents and 20 cents respectively. All particulars as regards the Show will be found in a very attractive handbook which is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for distribution one week before the Show. The Committee is much indebted to Mr. J. H. Hunt, of the European Y.M.C.A., for the drawing of the beautiful design for the cover of the handbook, and particularly grateful for magnificent support from the undermentioned, making it possible to meet the heavy printing expenditure of the handbook: Imperial Chemical Industries, \$250; Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$150; British-American Tobacco Company, \$100; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., \$50; Ho Hong Bank, \$50; Bank of East Asia, \$50; Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., \$50; China Light and Power Co., Ltd., \$50; Nestle Milk Company, \$50; Bank of Canton, \$25; Commercial Press, \$25; Grace and Company \$10.

There will be other interesting and important features to be announced in connexion with the Show at the next Committee meeting, which will take place on December 28.

Agricultural Association.

The Committee is also occupied with considering the question of the proposed formation of an Agricultural Association. The matter has been in the hands of a sub-committee for some time and it is proposed to inform the Government that the aim is to secure 500 members as a start and an estimated revenue of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for working or recurrent expenses. This sum, together with a proposed grant of \$2,000 from the Government, will make up about \$5,000 annually. The proposed fund will be administered by trustees of which the District Officer, Mr. J. A. Fraser, will be one. It has been suggested that Sir Robert Ho Tung and one other be appointed to serve as trustees. As soon as all the details are carefully worked out they will be forwarded on to the Government for approval.

SENATOR UNSEATED.

ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION IN HIS ELECTION.

Washington, Dec. 7. The Senate, by 58 votes to 22, has unseated Senator Vare of Pennsylvania, charging him with corruption and fraud during his election campaign of 1926.

There has been a fight for three years over the matter, during which Senator Vare has had a severe breakdown and two paralytic strokes. He appeared in the Senate on Wednesday and asked the Senators to give him a seat.

When the vote was announced he was led out by members of his family.—Reuters' American Service.

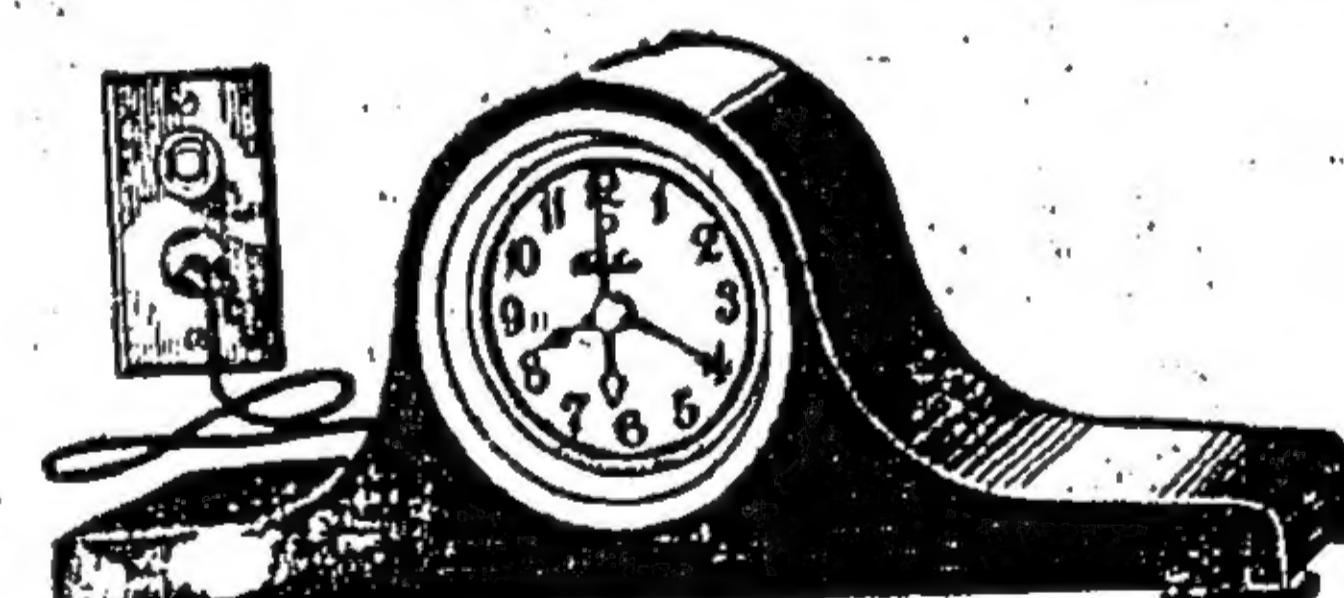
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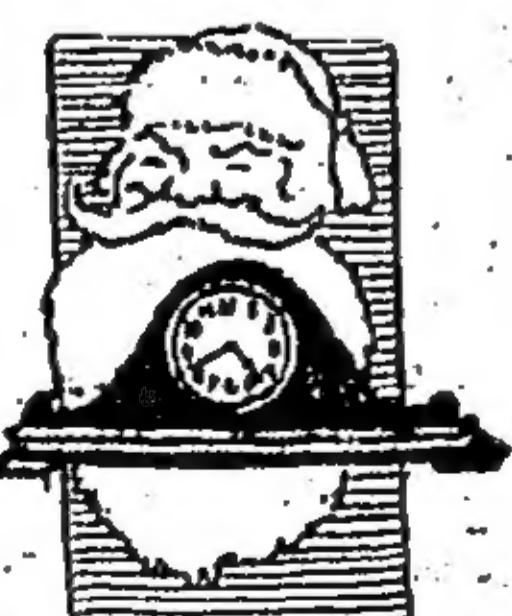
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The Avenging Parrot

by Anne Austin

CHAPTER XIII.

"Well, Miss Paige, I see you're already in mourning for Mrs. Hogarth," Lieutenant Strawn greeted the girl who advanced timidly toward the desk where one of the dead woman's last acts had been to record in her diary her intention of disinheriting her latest favourite.

A quick flush tinged the pallor of the lovely face. Tears welled in her eyes, which looked at her, as if they had shed many that night.

"I—hardly realized what I was putting on, after—after I was told about poor Mrs. Hogarth," Norma stammered, smoothing the sheenless black of her dress with nervous hands. "But I am—in mourning for her in my heart."

"What was your feeling toward Mrs. Hogarth?" Strawn asked, after he had placed the trembling girl in a chair beside him.

"I loved her very much," Norma answered simply. "My mother and father are both dead, and Mrs. Hogarth seemed more like a mother to me than anyone has since—since—"

"Did you still love her after your interview with her the evening?"

The flush deepened painfully. "I—yes! I knew she was wrong about—about Walter, but I knew she thought she was acting for my own good. Things she said about Walter hurt me terribly, but I didn't quarrel with her or become really angry with her."

"Suppose you begin at the beginning, Miss Paige—or rather, at about 11 o'clock, and tell me everything you know about this bad business."

"I know nothing about Mrs. Hogarth's—death!" Norma flushed. "She was as well as usual when I saw her last—"

"And that was when?"

"About half-past 11. It was nearly 11 when Mr. Dundee—a new boarder here, whom I took to meet Mrs. Hogarth—left the house, and Walter and I came upstairs from the lawn to tell her we were engaged. I knew she wouldn't be pleased, but I couldn't deceive her, and perhaps inherit her money when she wouldn't really have wanted me to, if she'd known the truth."

"Did Mr. Styles, your fiance, share this noble sentiment?" Strawn asked, and Dundee could have choked his superior officer.

"Of course, he did!" Norma cried, her voice shaking with anger. "He came up with me, but Mrs. Hogarth wouldn't let him in."

"Brandished her cane at him and told him never to try to speak to her again, in fact?" Strawn suggested.

The little head hung itself up gallantly. "She said something like that, but I wasn't awfully surprised, for I knew she and Walter had quarrelled, though I didn't know then what it was about."

"And Mrs. Hogarth told you?"

"Yes, but—I don't have to tell you that, do I?" the girl pleaded.

"I think you'd better, Miss Paige," Strawn answered gently.

"If you don't, I may think it much worse than it really is, you know."

"It wasn't really bad at all," she protested, tumbling headlong into the trap. "I suppose you've already heard that Mrs. Hogarth charged her will pretty frequently. When Walter came to board here early in May she took a violent fancy to him. He's—awfully nice, you know," she added naively, not dreaming that she was giving pain to a new admirer concealed behind Mrs. Hogarth's screen. "It wasn't long before she made a new will, disinheriting Cora Barker and naming Walter as her new heir. Walter has a little hardware shop on Grand street, but—it isn't doing so very well. He had been head buyer in the haberdashery department of Marcus-Crane's and he thought he could make a success of a little shop of his own. And he will, too," she added loyally, "if he can pull through the dull summer season."

"And he asked Mrs. Hogarth for a loan?" Strawn suggested.

"Yes, but how did you know?" Norma puzzled. "But it wasn't a terrible thing at all for him to do. He thought that if Mrs. Hogarth liked him enough and believed in him enough to will him her money, she would be glad to help him now, when he needs it so much. But she was awfully angry, and called him a fortune-hunter, and said he cared nothing for her, had been nice to her only for the sake of her money, and—things like that. She told me herself, tonight, when she said she'd disinherited me if I didn't break my engagement to Walter—"

"And what was your answer?" Strawn suggested.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Saturday have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co. of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Siasoon House, Shanghai, (cable address: "Swanstock" Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable quotations.

Previous Latest

	Price	Price
Anaconda Copper	78	80
Baltimore and Ohio	118	117
Bethlehem Steel	95	97
Chrysler Corp. (Common)	33	34
Erie Ry Co.	44	65
General Motors	40	41
General Ry. Signal	95	92
Goodyear Tyre and Rubber	72	74
Granby Consolidated	57	57
International Cement (Common)	60	60
Missouri Pacific (Common)	85	87
Liggett and Myers "B"	98	99
Nevada Consolidated Copper	32	32
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	43	44
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	68	69
Standard Oil Co. of New York	36	36
Southern Pacific	123	123
Texas Corporation	59	59
United States Steel	172	183



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H.E. TOASTS MR. H. OWEN HUGHES AND BRIDE.

One of the most brilliant society weddings witnessed in Hongkong for many months, which was attended by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and Lady Clementi, was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, when one of the Colony's most popular cricketers, Mr. Harry Owen Hughes, son of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Owen Hughes, was married. His charming bride was Miss Frances Isabel Oakley, daughter of Mr. H. G. Oakley, C.B.E., and Mrs. Oakley, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

The bride, who was given away by Sir Henry Pollock, was charmingly attired in a dress of white velvet georgette with lace train. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern. She was attended by five very little bridesmaids, Miss Alwen Owen Hughes, Miss Pauline Wolfe Murray, Miss Hazel Lauder, Miss Molly Wayne Jones and Miss Yvette Doyle, dressed in white satin with caps of gold braid and pearls. Each carried baskets of white and gold chrysanthemums.

The duties of "best man" were discharged by Mr. A. C. L. Bowker.

Choral Service.

The Cathedral service was choral and included the singing of Panini XXXVII as the bride and bridegroom walked to the Presbytery. Followed a brief address by the Dean, and after a short silence, the hymn "O perfect love, all human thought transcending" was sung. Then the Lord's prayer and responses, after which came The Collects and The Blessing. While the marriage was being recorded and witnessed in the Cathedral Register, the congregation sang "O Father, all creating" with an interlude between each of the three verses. As the happy couple left the Cathedral the organist, Mr. F. Marion, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

Following the ceremony, a largely attended reception was held at St. John's Hall, the residence of the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mrs. Hynes, which they lent for the occasion. Here His Excellency said he understood she intended to make Hongkong her home. They could therefore say that the bride also was a Hongkong colonist.

H.E.'s Toast.

In doing so he commented on the fact that such marriages were rare inasmuch as most Britons in Hongkong were either birds of passage or migratory, but neither the bride nor bridegroom could be classed as such. The bridegroom was born in Hongkong, and he was now a partner in his father's business, which was established in Hongkong. His Excellency commented that the bride, although not actually born here, came to Hongkong at the tender age of two, when her father was posted to the Colony as a civil engineer in the Admiralty. Her aunt, Lady Pollock, was still resident and he (His Excellency) said he understood she intended to make Hongkong her home. They could therefore say that the bride also was a Hongkong colonist.

An Excellent Example.

His Excellency said he hoped that such weddings, which were the exception, might in future become much less rare. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owen Hughes had set an excellent example. (Applause).

Amid laughter, His Excellency

EARTHQUAKE EFFECT.

FISHING BANKS AND BED OF ATLANTIC MOVED.

Halifax, Dec. 7. Four cableships are still repairing the breakages in the Atlantic cables caused by the earthquake on November 18. They report that the bed of the Atlantic has been moved and the fishing banks shifted as a result of the disturbance.

In some cases several breaks occurred in the same cable over a distance of a hundred miles. Four additional cableships are now being despatched to assist in the repair work. —*Reuter's American Service*.

remarked he suspected it was an alliance between the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council, but he hoped it was not directed against the Government. The bridegroom's father represented the interests of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce on the Council, while Sir Henry Pollock was the Senior Unofficial member.

The bridegroom had represented Hongkong on five occasions in Interport cricket and in this year's Interport meeting he made a century. His Excellency expressed the hope that the bridegroom's married innings might be equally long and fortunate. (Applause and laughter).

Bridegroom's Thanks.

In replying, on behalf of himself and his wife, the bridegroom said that so far as his bride was concerned he had not been able to obtain the usual perspective but she looked all right. (Laughter). "I feel a little foolish," he continued, "and I wonder whether I look it" (Laughter). The bridegroom thanked His Excellency for the gracious manner in which he had proposed the toast to their health and also expressed thanks to those present for the gracious response they had made to the toast. His Excellency had made some nice and flattering remarks about them and "I must say we have gone up quite a lot in my opinion during the last few minutes." (Laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Owen Hughes said His Excellency had at least indicated a standard which they would do their best to live up to.

He went on to remark that a man without friends was poor indeed, but he felt that whatever turned the wheel of fortune made they would never suffer poverty in that respect.

Gratitude to Parents.

In concluding, the bridegroom said that both he and his bride wished to take that opportunity of acknowledging their gratitude to their parents for all they had done for them throughout their lives and especially during their tender years. They wished their parents to realise that they did appreciate what had been done for them and he hoped that Sir Henry and Lady Pollock would convey those thanks to the bride's parents.

The bridegroom then gave a toast to the bride's parents.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock proposed a toast to the health of the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mrs. Hynes, who had been so kind as to give their house for the reception.

Later the bride and bridegroom left for Baguio, Philippine Islands.

where they are spending their honeymoon. The bride's going-away dress was of green crepe de chine, with a green cloth coat trimmed with fur and a hat to match.

TOC H FESTIVAL.

TRIBUTES TO ELDER BRETHREN.

London, Dec. 6. A three day festival on the occasion of the fourteenth birthday of Toch H was ushered in by a mass meeting at the Albert Hall, where ten thousand people paid a most impressive tribute by remaining silent for one minute to "our elder brethren," those veterans who tramped the shell-swept road from Ypres to find cheer and comfort at Talbot House at Poperinghe.

The minute's silence was ended by a low murmur which gradually gained in volume until it became the voice of the multitude vowing "We will remember them."

The simple ritual was conducted by Rev. P. T. B. Clinton, the padre who founded the organisation.

Albert Hall Festival.

One hundred and fifty performers and a choir of 370 gave the first production of the Christmas mime "At the Sign of the Star," which was attended by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A similar festival will be held at the Albert Hall to-night.

In the afternoon there will be a special thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey. Other churches will hold special services on Sunday. At the Abbey service banner bearers will pass by the grave of the Unknown Warrior, each dropping a Flanders' poppy on the tomb. —*Reuter*.

Talbot House Sold.

London, Dec. 7. The Toch H thanksgiving service was an unusual one, being opened at Westminster Abbey by Lord Forster asking the Dean "Sir, bid a blessing on our birthday festival."

The Prince of Wales handed the representatives of the various branches wooden crosses from the graves of unknown soldiers to be treasured in their headquarters. The banner bearers, representing branches all over the world, walked in procession round the church. The celebrations culminated in light-hearted gaiety at the Albert Hall, the Prince of Wales being present and wearing a Toch H blazer.

The Prince announced the purchase of the original Talbot House by Sir Charles Wakefield, who has presented it to Toch H.

Prince's Word to Firms.

It was also announced that the endowment fund which he launched two years ago had now reached a total of over one hundred thousand sterling.

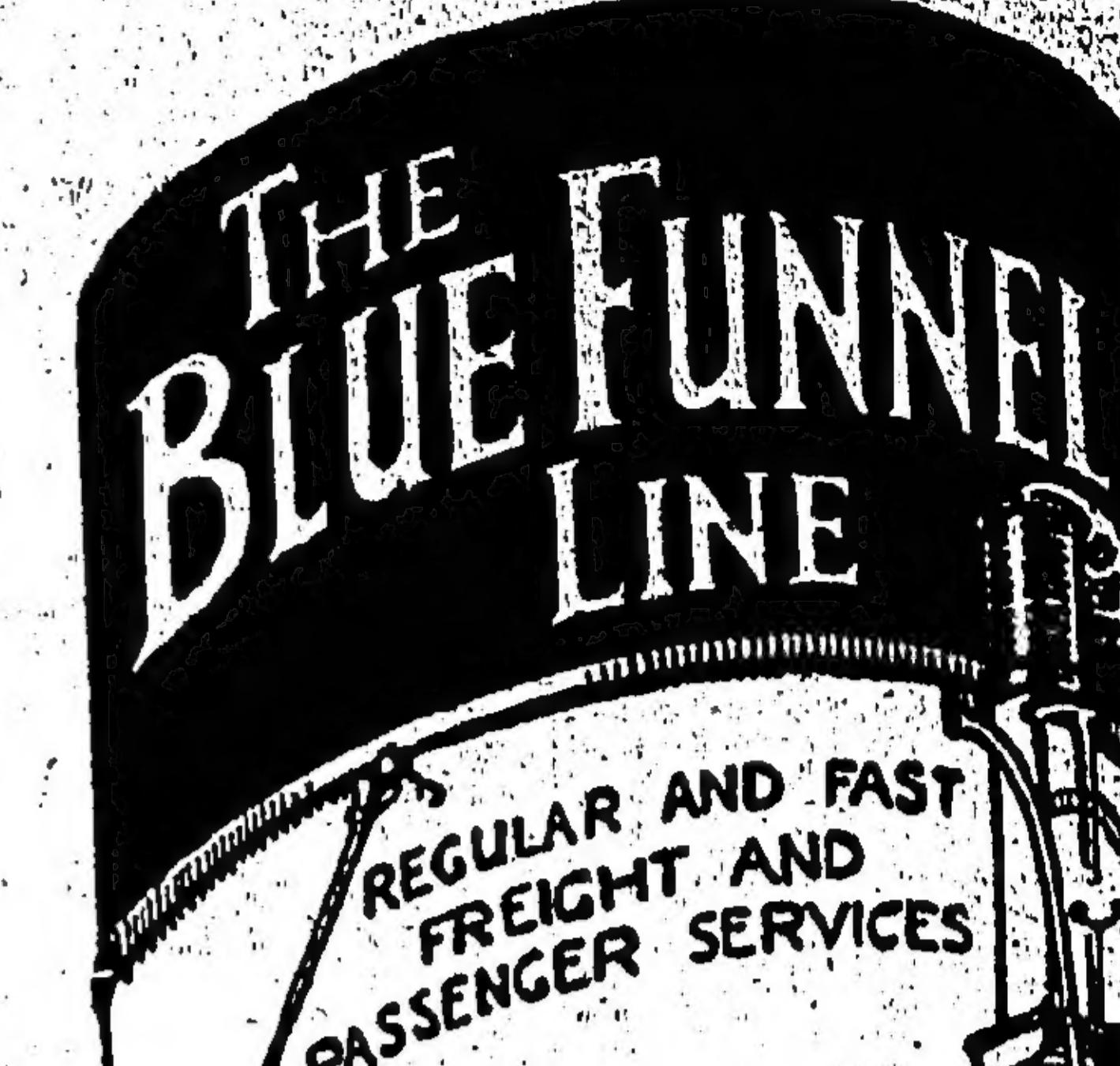
Referring to the efforts of overseas commissioners to keep men from the British Isles who go abroad interested in the Toch H movement, the Prince of Wales declared that their work deserved the co-operation of all the great trading firms.

He lit forty lamps of maintenance throughout the world which have attained branch status since April.

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VIOLENT STORMS IN

ENGLAND.

SOUTH COAST STREWN WITH

WRECKS OF SHIPS.

ONE VESSEL VANISHES.

London, Dec. 7.

After days of unprecedented gales, and continuous downpours, London was swept about midnight by an almost tropical thunder-storm which was accompanied by torrential rain and hail and also by remarkably vivid lightning.

Winds of hurricane force were also experienced in the violent storm which affected the whole of the South coast of England. It is reported that over the Solent Isles the wind reached a velocity of over a hundred miles an hour.

The roads in and about London were quickly flooded and traffic was able to proceed only with the utmost difficulty against a wind of seventy miles an hour. People coming from the theatres were drenched and blown against vehicles and buildings.

In the City, windows were blown in at many parts and numerous telephone wires were brought down. Some of the roads in the suburbs were flooded, notably, at Wembley, where, owing to the depth of water in certain places traffic was stopped entirely.

En-southern Fatality.

Although the storm considerably increased the volume of water in the Thames there is no immediate danger of flooding in the London area.

Some damage was done by lightning during the storm but the most havoc was wrought by the wind. The storm in the South of England was responsible for a serious accident at Eastbourne where a woman was killed and another seriously injured by the collapse of a wall.

Bonds in many parts of the country were blocked by fallen trees and at Folkestone the streets took on the appearance of rivers. Many injuries were caused at various places when the wind caught hold of pedestrians and hurled them up against moving motor cars.

While people on land suffered, the storm again took its greatest toll at sea. It swept up the English Channel, causing damage to shipping caught in the heavy seas and also to life and property in the coastal towns.

Channel shipping was especially badly affected and people at the sound towns watched boats struggling through the gale, the vessels being lit up by brilliant flashes of lightning.

Many Ships in Distress.

A small Rotterdam steamer called the Merwedie was driven ashore near Newhaven and the lifeboat went to her assistance. Owing to the high seas, however, the lifeboat was unable to approach the ship. Rocket apparatus was then requisitioned and after some exciting incidents the crew of the Merwedie was brought ashore by means of the breeches buoy. The ship was frequently obscured by high seas during these operations.

The lifeboats from Shoreham and Seaford responded to distress signals sent out by the lifeboat, a Budapest steamer of 3,000 tons.

Fears For Treasure Ship.

Up to the present the usual daily wireless message has not been received from the steamer Leonardi da Vinci which left Genoa on December 3 with a cargo of pictures and works of art worth some millions of pounds sterling for exhibition in London from January to March next year.

The vessel is now battling with the elements somewhere in the Bay of Biscay with her inestimable treasures on board. On board the

which reported that she was drifting towards the shore.

A cable ship which had been working in the vicinity later reported that the Honved was holding her own and that the cable ship was standing by, although the seas were too rough for a tow rope to be passed to the Honved.

The Shoreham lifeboat returned to port after eight hours but the return of the Seaford lifeboat was further delayed by the weather.

Tug Crew Rescued.

The Boulogne to Folkstone cross Channel steamer again had to be diverted to the Dover route and was only able to make harbour after lying outside port for an hour.

The channel services, however, were run as usual this morning.

The steamer Large Law was out of control owing to her steering gear being damaged while she was off Dungeness this morning.

The crew of a tug which went ashore near Dover was rescued by rocket apparatus and the crew was saved from the British steamer John Charlton, which went ashore near Newhaven.

Again this morning the tug responded to the calls from the Spanish steamer Alfonso Perez, which reported that her steering gear had been damaged in the storm off Great Yarmouth.

The Italian steamer Cannon and Johnny, which were both off Land's End, summoned assistance owing to damage to their heli engines and their pumps. In addition to these, several shipping casualties involving trawlers and other small craft are reported.

The gale later caused the suspension of the cross Channel services. Sir Edmund Ovey, the new British Minister to Moscow, arrived at Victoria with his staff but was unable to proceed on his way to Moscow. If the storm abates it is expected that Sir Edmund will leave for Moscow tomorrow.

Lifeboats Abandon Caution.

London, Dec. 8.

To-day the thoughts of the entire country are with the sailors at sea. Their plight in the storm raging round the coast was emphasised by the broadcasting stations last night. They interrupted their musical programmes to send out verbal S.O.S. messages on behalf of distressed steamers.

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DUSSELDORF EXCITED OVER AN ARREST.

At last an arrest has been made in Dusseldorf which the police believe may have some connexion with the long tale of assaults and murders which have terrified that town.

During the last nine months there have been 21 of such crimes, all taking place in Dusseldorf or its outskirts. Victims have mostly been women or girls, varying in age from five to 55, but they also include men. The series began on

February 3, and in the course of the campaign knife, lasso, and bludgeon have been used, while there have also been attempts at strangling. For all this time the police confessed themselves baffled.

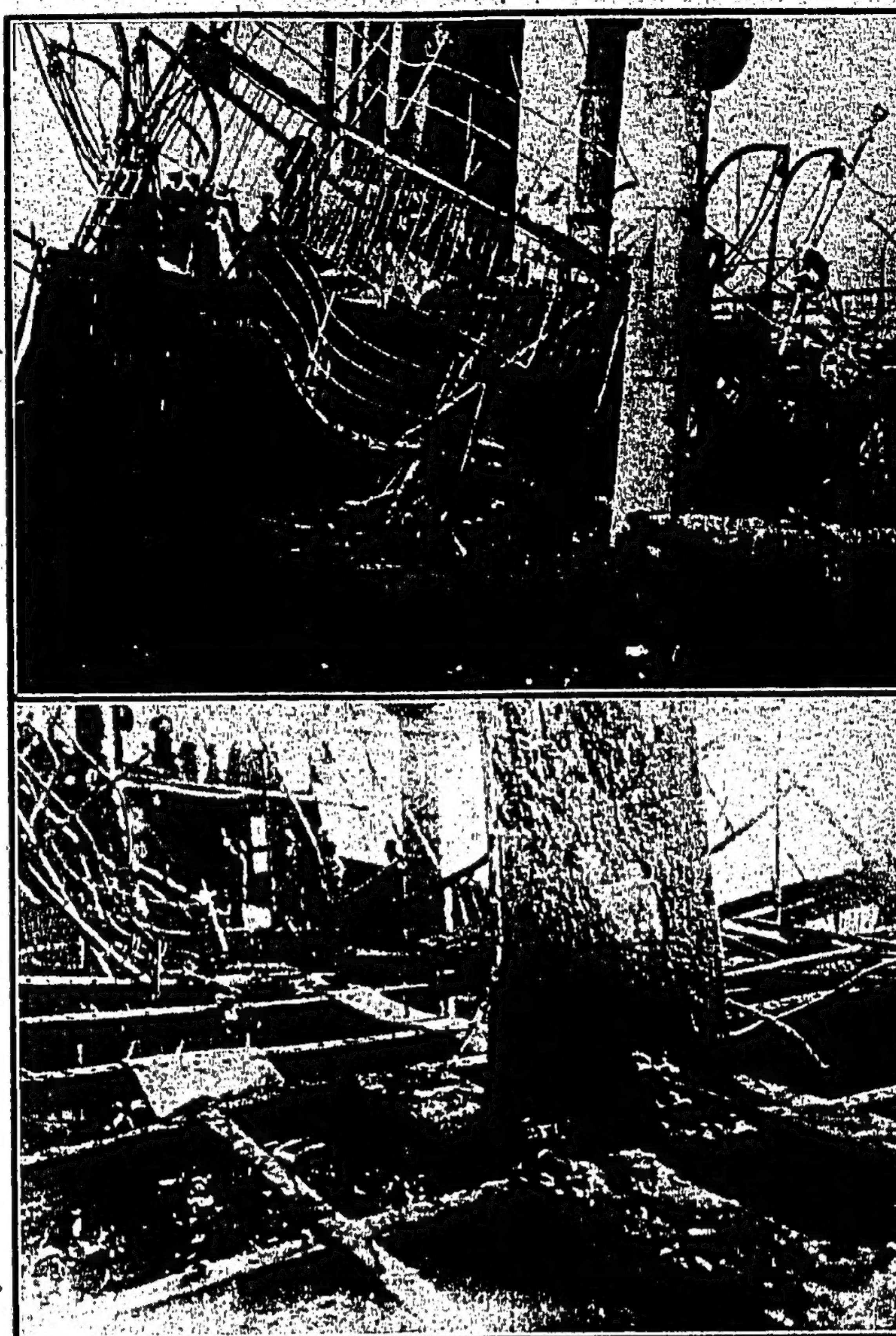
Recently, in different parts of the town, three women were spoken to, then followed and threatened with a knife by a well-dressed man in the forties. He tried to run away with the child of one of the women who was looking into a shop window, but the mother seized it just in time.

A crowd pursued the man, who was finally caught by the police and carried off struggling to the police station.

Dusseldorf is excitedly waiting to know whether any evidence can be found to connect him with the other previous crimes.

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GRAPHIC PICTURES OF THE "HAICHING."



These two pictures show in graphic manner the damage caused to the s.s. Haiching as the result of the fire started by the pirates. Top, all that remains of the bridge; bottom, burnt-out part of bridge deck.

NEW DIFFICULTY IN AUSTRIA?

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM BILL HELD UP.

MAJORITY TOO SMALL:

Vienna, Dec. 8. When the Constitutional Reform Bill came up for its third reading in the National Council, no compromise was reached regarding its provisions and the Government could not, therefore, secure the necessary two-thirds majority.

The Bill was temporarily dropped.

It is expected that the Federal Council will approve the Bill on Tuesday.

The principal objects of the Bill to amend the Constitution were to reform the legislature, strengthen the executive authority of the State, protect the Civil Service against political interference and fix the status of Vienna as a Federal Capital.

The Bill provided for the National Council to remain as at present, but the Federal Council to be replaced by a "professional council" in which each province would be equally represented, together with professional groups. The Federal President, to be elected by the people, was to be empowered to appoint and dismiss the Government, dissolve the National Council and declare a state of emergency.—*Reuter*.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN HOLLAND.

SEVEN HOURS BLAZE IN MIDDLE OF CITY.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8. A disastrous fire, one of the most serious in Holland for some time, broke out in Middelburg to-day and destroyed eight buildings in the centre of the town, including the famous Grand Hotel Versoput and several old houses formerly belonging to Dutch aristocracy.

A high wind for a long time rendered useless the efforts of the Fire Brigades summoned to Middelburg from neighbouring towns to aid the local fire-fighters.

The flames eventually cut off the electric light for the town which was plunged into darkness. The fire was finally got under control this morning after raging for seven hours.—*Reuter*.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S GRAPHIC STORY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

far end of the boat-deck. Gradually, the flames soared higher until the heat became unbearable.

Flame: Chief Enemy.

"Our crew stood loyally by dousing the deck with buckets of sea-water and handing us ammunition with which to reload. I saw people trying to free two of the after-boats but their efforts were not successful. Finally, when a large number of them had entered one of the boats it tilted and spilled them into the water. A large number must have been drowned in this manner.

"Captain Farrar then ordered us to take to the boats and he, himself, revolver in hand, prepared to guard our departure. By this time the firing had ceased but the flames were now our chief enemy."

Here, Mr. Duxon described the courageous manner in which Captain Farrar refused to abandon his command. He stayed on board and did his best to stem the flames with the aid of the crew.

One feature of the affair was the fact that the wireless operator, whose quarters and office are in a separate part of the ship, was not molested and stuck to his post sending out signals. It is believed however that his first messages were not received because of his equipment being "jammed." The wireless operator left the ship with the officers and later went back again and despatched another message for assistance.

"We took to the boats and were in them from about 2.30 a.m. until 6 a.m.," said Mr. Duxon, "and during that time picking up several people who were struggling in the water. Fishing boats put out from the shore and also picked up a number of people. Mr. Woodward we carried off with us and the poor fellow died, I believe, in the boat."

"Finally, we saw the smoke of H.M.S. Sterling and I do not remember a happier sight than that of her coming. Boarding parties came off and boarded our ship.

"Immediately the officers did everything in their power for us, placing men at my disposal which enabled me to get up steam to control the fire."

"Down below in the engineer room we found an attempt had been made to set fire to it but this had proved abortive.

Steering Gear Shattered.

"Our steering gear was shattered when the bridge was destroyed but our emergency steering gear functioned and we were able to

FUNERAL OF MR. K. A. WOODWARD.

Full Naval Honours This Afternoon.

Mr. O. H. Farrar, the captain of the Haiching, came ashore early this morning and had interviews with the Company's officials, also visiting the Commodore's Office and the Harbour Office, where he transacted the usual ship's business.

One of the engineers, accompanied by a police officer, visited the Mortuary to which Mr. K. A. Woodward's body was taken last night. The body was there formally identified.

Full naval honours are to be accorded the late Mr. Woodward this afternoon. The body will be placed on a gun carriage in the Naval Yard and the cortege will leave the main gate of the yard at 4.30 p.m.

In yesterday's yacht racing reported on another page, there is a slight error in the position and points of the Yacht Club boats. Diana should be fourth with 13 points, and Dorothea second with 16 points.

reach Hongkong under our own steam. All of us lost everything we possessed in the fire which destroyed our cabin.

"The fire burnt all electric cables away but we started the ship's dynamo when we got on board. Concealed beneath a life-boat a shivering wretch half-dead I should say with fright was discovered and arrested as a suspected pirate. I might mention here that the gang who attacked us looked proper pirates.

Vitable Shambles.

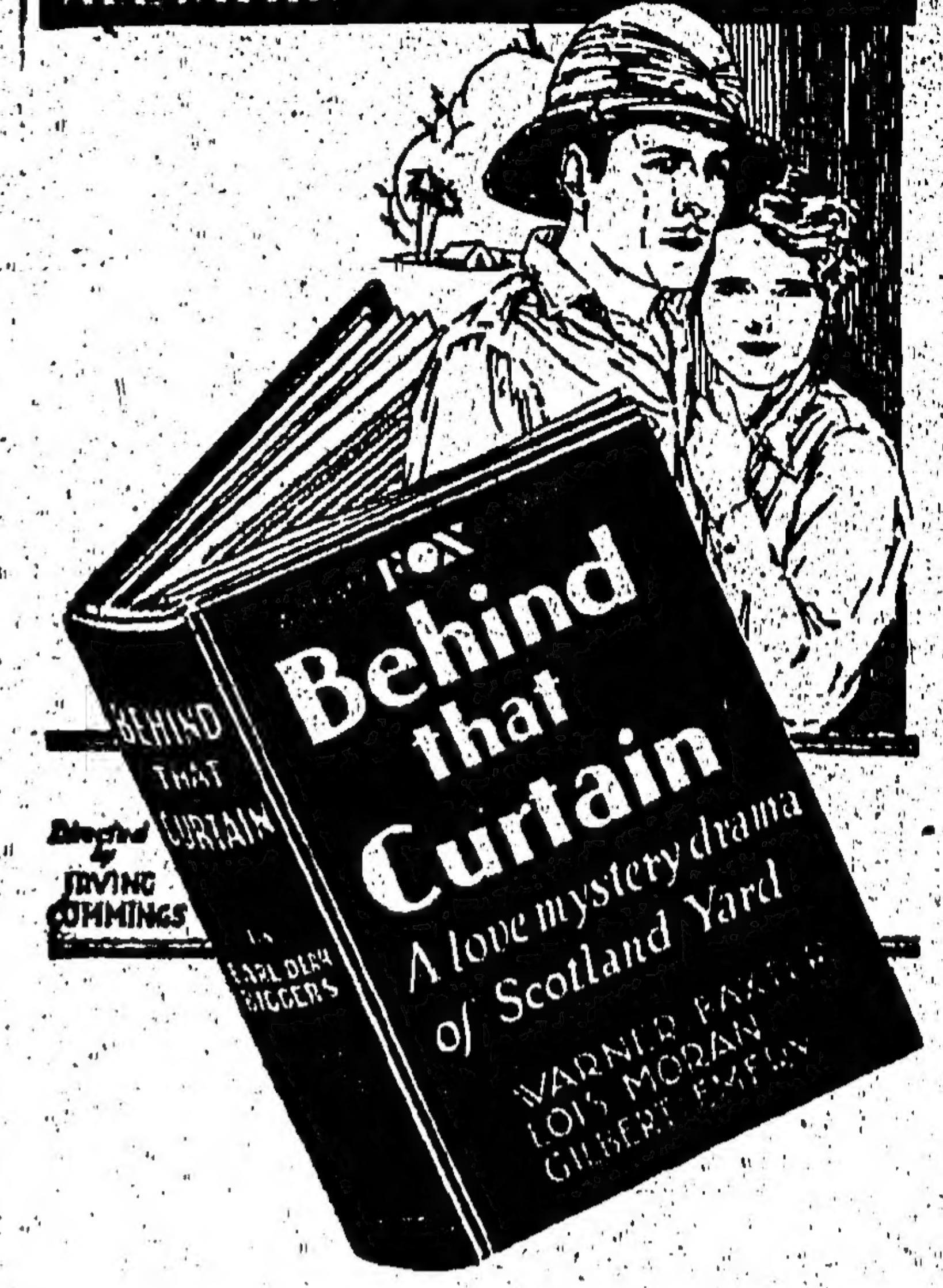
"On the deck of our steamer we found a veritable shambles. How brutally the attackers had behaved was indicated by the discovery of the bodies of a little boy and a little girl among the pile of corpses which we found. These poor children had received shocking wounds and their murder can have been nothing but a ruthless crime."

Speaking of the late Third Officer, Mr. Duxon described him as "A very good chap and a likeable mesmate." Although the late Mr. Woodward must have suffered great agony before his end he never murmured or complained, enduring his pain with great fortitude.

Concluding, Mr. Duxon said that the piracy would always be an unpleasant memory. "It was a pretty ghastly affair," were his final quiet words before ending the interview.

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